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Opening Remarks

The More You Don't Know

Between Tuesday afternoon, when I write my Opening Remarks at the last possible minute, and Thursday, when the new issue of *Beachcomber* drops at all the cool restaurants, shops, bars, libraries and pet salons, I have a lot of unanswered questions about a lot of things.

Hurricane Irma is on a lot of people's minds, especially after the Harvey devastation that landed on our friends in Texas. My Facebook newsfeed has been clogged up all day with posts like these:

What's the best Foo Fighters song to play acoustic?

Watching Luke Cage on Netflix.

If you had to choose between eating tacos every day or being skinny, would you choose hard tacos or soft tacos?

In other words, we Northwest Floridians don't scare easy. And we may have gotten a little too content over the past decade, during which our area was blessedly spared from any serious hurricane action. The only hurricanes we want around here are the ones that come in cheap plastic souvenir cups.

Beachcomber Publisher (among other things) Charles Morgan III has more to say about hurricane preparedness (among other things) in this issue's Notes from the Apocalypse. Jump to page 8.

The second unresolved matter, which may seem a bit trivial compared to a



Editor Manson hangs out at Hog's Breath Cafe/Saloon in Destin with 30ATV's Redd and Paul, along with various photo bombers.

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Samantha Lambert (Northwest Florida Fairgrounds) has been back in Florida for about a year now, and she loves it. "The weather is beautiful, and I love catching up with old friends again," she says. "And I have really enjoyed writing stories for *Beachcomber*!"

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

storm the size of the entire state of Alabama, is this new 30A Sessions concert series that kicks off in late October with Lady Antebellum. Tickets don't go on sale until the end of the week, so I have no idea how ridiculously expensive they're going to sell for.

But given the venue, performers and 30A brand name, I'm having a hard time remaining optimistic.

Anyway, stay strong, *Beachcomber* readers, and we'll see what happens.
- Editor Manson

QUESTION OF THE ISSUE - WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE STUCK IN A HURRICANE WITH?
We asked our friends, family, Facebook trolls, and complete strangers to participate in this vital survey, and some of them actually responded. None commented on the wobbly grammar, so I thank them all for that.

Heidi Best-Swift: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

Nicky Sparks: My AJ's family. We'd have one hell of a hurricane party.

Debbie Sapp: Anyone, as long as there's wine.

Tim Bali Prescott: Jim Cantore, of course. For the riveting, panic-inducing commentary.

Editor Manson: Chuck Norris, because he's apparently still the gold standard for badasses. I had no idea until just recently that Chuck Norris jokes were still a thing. (Example: When Chuck Norris was born, his first words were, "I'm going to have sex with Elvis Presley's wife.")

WE'VE MOVED!
The *Beachcomber* offices have relocated from U.S. 98 to 120 Benning Drive, and just when we were starting to get a taste for Golden Corral. Positives include being on the first floor, superb view of the Benning/Mountain Drive roundabout, and (for now) the ability to walk from my door to my desk without tripping over stacks of books and CDs.

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A Great Week for Harbor Docks Charities Fundraising

Last week, Harbor Docks Charities hosted the 32nd Annual Caddyshack Classic Golf Tournament, the Harbor Docks Charity Auction and the 4th Annual Harbor Docks Summer Open King Mackerel Tournament. These events raised a total of \$51,151 to go towards the 23rd Annual Take-a-Kid Fishing Day and Destin Harvest projects.

The 32nd Annual Caddyshack Classic Golf Tournament took place August 24 at Emerald Bay Golf Course. Sixteen teams competed in the four-man scramble, raising a total of \$9,031 for Harbor Docks Charities.

The 4th Annual Harbor Docks Summer Open is a top notch King Mackerel Tournament. The captain's meeting was August 25, where eight teams registered. Fishing occurred on Saturday and Sunday with weigh-ins from 4 to 6 p.m. The winners were as follows:

FIRST PLACE
"Strike Two" – Kelly Patton
54.9 pounds

SECOND PLACE
"Slip-a-Way" – John Tyson
42.7 pounds

THIRD PLACE
"Boggy Bayou" – Kramer Clark
20.8 pounds

FOURTH PLACE
"Sea Fix" – Joe Gump
20.1 pounds

FIFTH PLACE
"Come Fly with Me" – Miki McClung
10.9 pounds

BIG THREE
"Strike Two"
118.9 pounds

DAY 1 DAILY
"Strike Two" – Kelly Patton
33.9 pounds

DAY 2 DAILY
"Strike Two" – Kelly Patton
54.9 pounds

LADIES
"Strike Two" – Kelly Patton

DOLPHIN
"Loose Hookr" – Shawn Straud
4.4 pounds

BLACKFIN TUNA
"Boggy Bayou" – Si Nelson
21.8 pounds



Harbor Docks Charity Auction, a silent and live auction, was held on Saturday, August 26, at Harbor Docks. Over \$41,000 was raised, all of which will go to Take-a-Kid Fishing Day and Destin Harvest projects.

Harbor Docks Charities would like to thank their sponsors who made these events possible, auction item donors, and everyone who participated in these events. Because of these generous people, Harbor Docks will treat over

350 underprivileged children to a day of fishing on local charter boats **Nov. 5.**

Children and their chaperones will be treated to breakfast, a day of fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and a fish fry. Each child will take home a rod and reel and a t-shirt. This would not be possible without the efforts and generosity of volunteers, boat captains, crews and everyone that has participated in fundraising events.

- Caroline Haney

Endangered African Penguin Born at Gulfarium

Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park president **Will Merrill III** announces a new addition to the park's penguin colony. "The chick hatched on Wednesday, August 16," says Merrill. "African penguins are an endangered animal. They are facing imminent extinction without human intervention."

The wild African penguin population has decreased at the alarming rate of over sixty percent in the last 30 years. "The good news is, African penguins have many allies, including the Gulfarium," says Merrill.

This is the second chick born to parents Ninja and Jelly in the last year. Ninja and Jelly's first chick, Becky, hatched in December 2016. The Gulfarium's success with rearing Becky inspired the expansion of their African penguin habitat.

"Our team is doing everything we can to not only protect this species from extinction, but also teach our guests about what they can do to help," says **Patrick Berry**, Gulfarium general manager. The chick is currently being reared behind the scenes to ensure successful development.

"The staff will continue to work around the clock for this little penguin over the next several months. We aren't in the clear yet, but we remain cautiously optimistic," says Berry.

The public is invited to follow the chick's progress on Gulfarium's Facebook page. All updates including milestones, a gender reveal, and more will be made available via Facebook.



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One of the first questions people ask when they visit our area is
“How can we be sure we’re getting fresh seafood?”

That’s an excellent question. There is a good chance that the seafood you will be offered traveled farther than you did. In the state of Florida, even though we are surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as “fresh” and imported seafood is sold as “local.” According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

Harbor Docks has been selling fish through its wholesale market since 1981. We sell to markets across the United States and Canada. We also sell to select restaurants along the Gulf Coast. Harbor Docks contracts with over 100 commercial boats to insure that we have an adequate supply of fresh fish.

We invite you to dine at our restaurants – Harbor Docks, in the heart of Destin, and Camille’s, overlooking the Gulf in Crystal Beach. But we’d also encourage you to try any of the wonderful, independent, local restaurants in our area that are committed to serving Florida seafood. We know who they are, because we sell them their fish.



Check our website to find out which restaurants sell certified Gulf-to-Table fish from Harbor Docks Seafood Market.

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Hey, Who Cut the Eyeholes in Mar-a-Lago’s White Tablecloths?

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

(Rejected first draft of confidential report to President Donald J. Trump from the events manager at the Mar-a-Lago Club.)

Dear Mr. President,

I received your urgent inquiry about our “reduced” winter schedule, and I want to assure you there’s no need to burn down the resort for the insurance money. We’re doing just fine!

You expressed alarm about a “Fake News” story saying 20 charities and organizations have canceled or moved their fund-raising galas from Mar-a-Lago following your remarks about the Charlottesville demonstrations.

Unfortunately, the story happens to be true. I have no idea how CNN and the rest of the crooked liberal media got it right.

Still, the financial future remains bright here at Mar-a-Lago. Recent events have dealt us a setback that we’ll eventually overcome, if you’d just stick to the script on your presidential teleprompter. Please?

At your request, I’m compiling an updated list of groups that will no longer be using the property here.

With all due respect, I would implore you not to go on Twitter and insult any of them. In particular, the Salvation Army, International Red Cross, and American Cancer Society receive funding from many high-profile, politically influential donors.

Even our local Big Dog Ranch Rescue has an ardent support base that we’d rather not antagonize. It’s been our experience that owners of large breeds—Rottweilers, mastiffs, etc.—are proportionally more formidable than owners of small breeds.

So, rather than dwell on these recent “defectors,” I suggest we focus on some exciting new event options for Mar-a-Lago’s upcoming season.

We were recently contacted by a new free-speech advocacy group that is planning a big benefit ball with an all-white theme, from the costumes to the guest list. There would be some spirited chanting and a candlelit march through the grounds—but no live band to annoy the neighbors!

The organizers seem exceptionally enthusiastic, and our only unusual overhead would be the cost of 300 tiki torches, which I can order in bulk from Home Depot. I would also strongly suggest giving our Haitian and Jamaican employees the night off.

Another possible booking for Mar-a-Lago is the highly popular West Palm Beach Gun and Knife Show. With a friendly discount, I believe we can persuade these folks to void their contract with the fairgrounds in favor of a unique, luxury island experience.

Our fabled croquet lawn offers a sociable seaside setting for outdoor firearms vendors, especially if we upgrade the craft-beer concession. The demographics of past events indicate you’d have many faithful fans among the attendees.

Although the open display of hundreds of semi-automatic weapons might present some challenges for the Secret Service, we would work closely with the agency to make sure all guns are locked and not loaded.

And, just in case, we’ll provide body armor for our catering staff.

One other way to fill one of the gaps in our event lineup would be using the resort’s scenic gardens as an exhibition area for displaced Confederacy statues. Our profits would come from a stiff entry fee, as well as gift-shop sales of rebel flags and other memorabilia.

As you know, Mr. President, numerous statues of Robert E. Lee and other Confederate officers have become available since your remarks about Charlottesville. This is an opportunity to bring some authentic battle history to Palm Beach, a place that played no role whatsoever in the Civil War.

Logistically, the only serious hurdle to opening a statue garden at Mar-a-Lago is our resident pigeon population. As you and the first lady have experienced first-hand, these are stubborn birds that have no respect for hair, fine fashion or silver trays filled with lobster canapés.

However, I am currently in negotiations with a highly reputable firm that specializes in discreet “pigeon dispersal” using malodorous deterrents, dissonant audio signals and lots of large fake owls.

If that doesn’t work, I’ll buy some flash-bang grenades at the gun show.

Worst-case scenario? Nobody else wants to book any events on the property during our winter season. And while such a steep drop in revenue would be disappointing, there is actually a sunny side to this surge of cancellations:

When you and the first lady come visit us in December, Mar-a-Lago will truly be an oasis of peace and quiet.

At Lunch with Donald Trump, Florida Gov. Scott Was on the Menu

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

During a week when most Republican leaders were happy not be seen with Donald Trump, Florida Gov. Rick Scott had lunch with the President at his New Jersey golf course.

Scott’s office bravely announced the trip a day in advance, like he was proud to be invited.

This, as neo-Nazis, white supremacists and drooling bigots all over America were online celebrating Trump’s breezy lack of outrage following the death and violence in Charlottesville.

Praise was being heaped upon the lonesome president by KKK Wizard Emeritus David Duke, “white nationalist” Richard Spencer, and other self-branded racists, all of whom were elated to hear

Trump describe their hate-belching zombie warriors as “very fine people.”

How ironic that one of those “fine people” is running for the U.S. Senate next year against Trump’s lunchtime companion. Gov. Scott will be challenged in Florida’s GOP primary by a raging bozo named Austin Gillespie, one of the organizers of the Charlottesville tiki-torch march.

Gillespie currently goes by the name of “Augustus Sol Invictus,” though previously he has presented himself as “Franco St-Fond.” He practiced some version of law for a while, but is now “retired” in Orlando at the ripe old age of 34.

In 2016, he ran for Senate as a Libertarian, a brief run highlighted by an acknowledgment that he’d killed a goat and drank its blood as a religious

ritual. In a videotaped campaign speech, Augie Boy described himself as “an Old World Pagan and a white Southerner.”

To his followers he said: “I want you to take LSD and practice sorcery.”

However, neither the pagans nor the acid-heads ran to the polls in huge numbers. Gillespie got only 1,063 votes in the primary.

This was after the head of the state Libertarian party resigned in protest, calling Gillespie a fascist who advocated a second Civil War.

Once coy about his white-supremacist leanings, Augie Boy is now a star of the alt-right. That’s pretty

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Preparing for Hurricane Irma

By Charles Morgan III

People approach deadlines in different ways. The preferred manner would be to prepare for the task—whatever that task might be—well in advance, so that a deadline does not become a factor. I'm not one of those people. I turn this column in at the last minute.

My plan was to write about the United States' 16-year-old conflict in Afghanistan. I've done the research. But there is another conflict—a natural one—that has reared its head. Hurricane Irma is (or isn't) on its way to the Gulf of Mexico.

My adult life has been spent primarily between Destin and the Bahamas. I'm familiar with hurricanes. They're fascinating works of nature. They're more predictable than earthquakes, tornados, or fires—although with advanced science and the Weather Channel, everything is more predictable these days.

Irma, a traditional storm formed off the coast of Africa and traveling across the Atlantic, is easier to chart

than Katrina, a storm that formed in the northern Abacos.

The anticipation that precedes a big storm is an interesting phenomenon of its own. People are energized. They race around making preparations that may not (they hope) be necessary. The world stands still and everyone's focus becomes the storm.

Whether at the grocery store, post office, hardware store, or along the docks and in the restaurants, the conversations revolve around the storm. Where will it hit? How strong will it be? What are the evacuation plans for those who will leave? Where are you taking the boats? What will we do with the pets? The children? The grandparents? The folks in nursing homes? When will they cancel school or work? When will they close the bridges?

It is the anticipation of something—the storm—over which we have no control. We can prepare. We can watch the path. We can leave. But we have absolutely no say-so in what the storm decides to do. There is something refreshing in dealing with

a natural event over which we have absolutely no power.

Bad weather is always more interesting than good weather. I think bad weather is a primordial excuse to take a day off. Weather can prevent people from farm work, hunting and fishing. Even cave men could take a day off in brutal weather and huddle in their caves. When the barometer drops below 29 millibars prior to a hurricane, people can become strangely euphoric.

While the anticipation of a storm might carry a strange sort of excitement, the aftermath of a storm does not. There is relief when a storm peters out or heads in another direction. But for a community that suffers a direct hit from a major hurricane, the day after is numbingly the same...storm after storm. It's an ugly mess, soggy and hot. And usually sunny when you wish it would be cool and overcast.

The storm that just sank Houston, Harvey, was primarily a rain event. Katrina, which pounded the Mississippi coast more than New Orleans, was devastating to the coast.

In New Orleans, the destruction was due to flooding. It's always the water.

In the Bahamas, there is rarely damage from the surge of storms. The water is pushed around the islands. On the northern Gulf Coast, there is nowhere for the water to go. It builds and builds and rises along the coast. With tremendous rains, the rivers to the north flow to the coast. Sprawling development is not a friend in our area. The water drains poorly, and we flood.

The Gulf of Mexico has had historically high water temperatures all year. Warm water is a hurricane's lifeblood. It's no surprise that we are having a busy hurricane season.

Destin is facing a fluid deadline, one that might not even be pertinent. If we get this storm, at some level it will be like the rest. Whether it's stronger or weaker, whether it hits us directly or just slips by, there will be a wide range of emotions shared by us all.

It's the sharing that brings us together. Storms have a way of doing that.

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Carl Hiaasen CONTINUED...

much all you need to know about the intellectual depth of the movement.

Richard Spencer says it was Gillespie who authored the first draft of the "Charlottesville Statement," which took toxic aim at Jews, refugees, feminists and racial equality. Augie Boy also runs a website that encourages violent action to restore white European values in the United States.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors hate groups, has published a profile of Augustus/Franco/Austin that amply confirms his god complex, racist sympathies, twisted predilections, and contempt for women.

In March, a former girlfriend reported to Edgewood police that Gillespie had on different occasions beaten her, choked her, put a gun to her head and threatened to push her out of a moving car. He says none of it ever happened.

Another female acquaintance told the SPLC about the time she incurred Augie Boy's displeasure. When she asked what she could do to prove

her good intentions, he texted the following reply:

"Get MDMA, hydrocodone and your girlfriend for Monday night. Maybe then I'll calm down, after we release some tension."

The startled woman took a screen shot to save his message.

It gets worse. Back in 2011, when Gillespie was writing as Franco St-Fond, he self-published a lurid novel featuring a character with the same name who rapes a weeping 14-year-old girl.

Imprinted at the bottom of the title page is a swastika.

Now, if you're a political strategist for Gov. Scott, part of you is thinking that you couldn't have invented a weaker, more hapless opponent for the primary.

Gillespie's loathsome presence in the Senate race gives Scott a perfect opening to speak out against Nazis, racists, misogynists, anti-Semites, pagans, sorcerers, LSD users, goat-blood guzzlers, group-sex enthusiasts, you name it.

On the other hand, if you're one of the governor's advisers, part of you must also be wondering why in the world your candidate chose to hang out with the president at this particular moment, when Trump is the red-hot darling of Augie Boy's chanting tiki-torchers.

It's either bad timing, bad judgment, or both. Maybe the president begged Scott to fly up for lunch. Obviously, he was sick of listening to Steve Bannon.

The official reason for Scott's visit was to discuss issues important to Floridians, though it's hard to imagine that the subject of Charlottesville didn't come up.

All those very fine people on "both sides." Right, governor?

Now pass the damn key lime pie.

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Commentary

Patriot Is Not Proud

By Chris Leavenworth

A great deal of confusion plagues the collective understanding of what it means to be truly patriotic in the United States these days. Subservience and misplaced pride are two primary factors attached to one thread of patriotism running rampant among those who think America is God's personal gift to those legally born on her soil.

I've been told, in so many ways, that unwavering pride for one's country, and standing strong without criticism of elected leaders, is how a patriot exercises loyalty for their country. This has been made known to me only recently by vocal Trump supporters who insist on having never criticized Obama during his time in office.

The recent uprising of alt-right racists marching through the streets of various cities, most notably Charlottesville, is a shining example of how dangerous misguided patriotism can be. These dimwitted dorks actually believe their actions are legitimate contributions of extreme patriotism.

The love of one's country is often distorted whenever personal pride attaches itself. Pride for any inborn advantage of one's own identity generally results in some degree of bigotry, fascism or nationalism.

People who are simply born in the United States are without any authentic reason to derive pride from it, yet that truth, like so many, is not palatable to the majority. People love participation trophies, and if someone is given praise for something they had no part in, they'll generally accept it without correcting anyone.

Being born somewhere takes absolutely zero effort, and obtaining self-esteem from it is just a cheap way

to feel better about benefiting from the hard work and ingenuity of those who came before.

To be legitimately proud of something requires a person to take part in its development or success. Not just to be an entitled beneficiary of it.

Pride for merely being born somewhere, marked by a feeling of superiority over other countries, is nationalism. It's the perverted version of patriotism. Staunch pride for something unearned, and insisting others are not worthy or do not qualify for it, is not only irrational...it is disgusting.

Real patriotism, or at least the kind that I'm willing to endorse, is simply love for one's country, primarily involving gratitude, humility and a desire to make the country better for everyone. In the United States, it's knowing that you are fortunate to have been born into a nation that was founded on the ideals of promoting individual liberties that allow anyone to criticize government without legal consequence. Honest patriotism recognizes there are many other countries where citizens are not as fortunate, yet acknowledges there are still many things that can be greatly improved here.

Someone truly passionate about his or her country will advocate for laws that protect and conserve natural resources to keep the environment beautiful and drinking water safe for everyone. They'll want their tax dollars to pay for accessible and affordable healthcare for all, better education, and, ultimately, a better quality of life for everyone.

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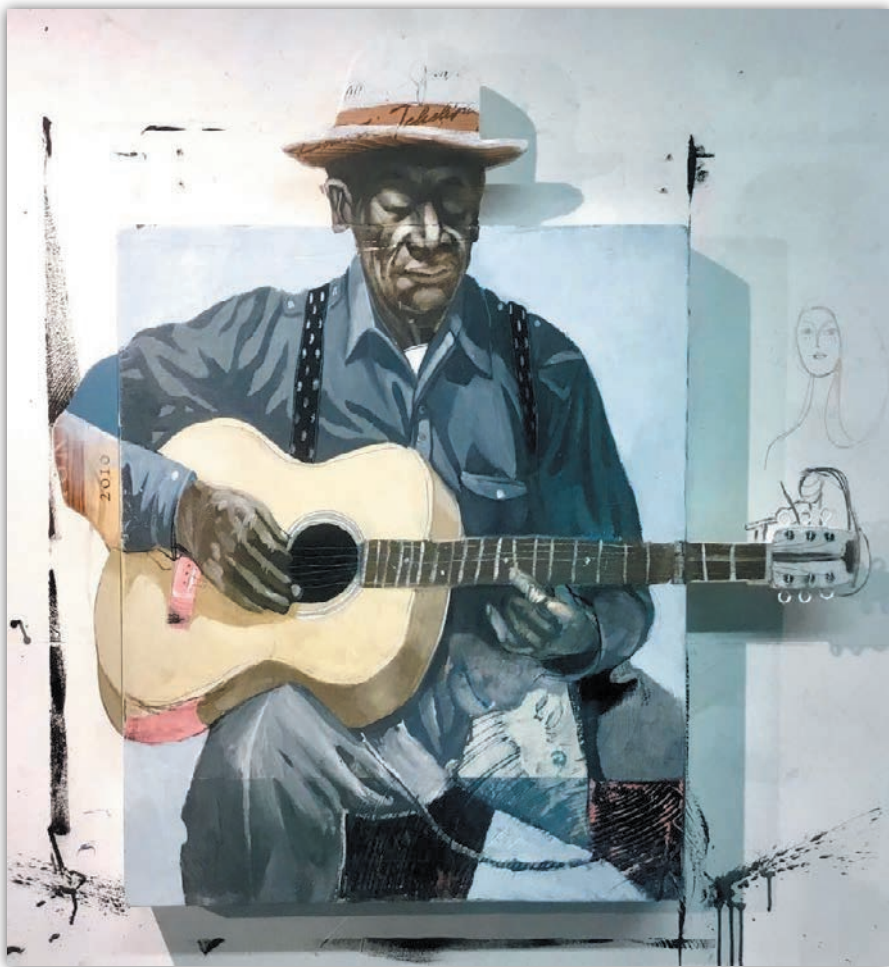
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ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

AMUSE ART STUDIO, 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Drawing and acrylic classes. Call 850-660-6560 for more info.

ARTFUL THINGS, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. rosalynogrady.com.

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ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is \$12 (\$10

for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

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Thursdays. "A Journey in Watercolor Painting" with Carol Dickson, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Open to students at all levels. Bring your own supplies. Cost is \$130 (\$110 for ADSO members). Supply list available at the ADSO website.

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

Sept. 9. Portrait Technique with George Brandon, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Students—beginners

and advanced—will learn charcoal portrait techniques. Cost is \$55 (\$45 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Sept. 28-30. Golden Acrylics Workshops with Kevin Tobin, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. FREE demo Thursday, followed by the two-part workshop, print, press and mono-print. Cost is \$145 (\$130 for ADSO members). Golden paints will be provided—check the ADSO website for supply list. Registration must be made in advance.

EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS, Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit emeraldcoastartgallery.com for more info.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit fullcirclefwb.com for more info.

Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is \$35.

HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 to preregister (required).

Sept. 16. Knitting, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn basic stitches and begin a project of your choice. Bring yarn and size 8 circular needles. Preregistration required, as space is limited. Cost is \$20 (\$15 for museum members).

Sept. 20. Loom Weaving, 10 a.m.-Noon. Weave on a loom with **Sandy Sutton**. Preregistration required, as space is limited. Cost is \$70 (\$65 for museum members).

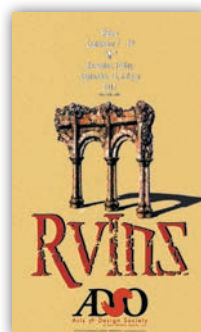
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ART EVENTS

THROUGH SEPT. 30. CINDI NEWHOUSE EXHIBIT AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH
The extremely talented Newhouse was featured in the Aug. 24-Sept. 6 *Beachcomber*.

THROUGH SEPT. 30. KYMBERLY ANNE HOWELL HEARTSONG'S "PHASES OF LIFE" EXHIBIT AT DESTIN LIBRARY
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THROUGH SEPT. 29. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY'S (ADSO) "RUINS" AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
Features work depicting artists' concepts of ruins. Opening reception Friday, **Sept. 15**, 6-8 p.m. For more info, call 850-244-1271 or visit www.artsdesignsociety.org.



THROUGH SEPT. 30. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH



This month's spotlight shines on **Helen Blair**, who offers a varied selection of pen and ink, oils, acrylic and collage, all with a realistic flavor.

SEPT. 27. ADSO LUNCHEON WITH KYMBERLY HEARTSONG AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH



Beginning at 11:30 a.m., join artist and entrepreneur Heartsong, who shares her knowledge about electronic reproduction, copyrights, recommended online companies and more. Cost is \$12 before **Sept. 25**—after that, \$15. RSVP to adorsvvp@gmail.com or call Risa at 850-376-3901.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E.

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ARTFUL THINGS Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. www.artfulthings.net.

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FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us! Located at 29B Eglin Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-8041. www.fullcirclefbw.com.

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MARY HONG GALLERY Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* and *Emeril's Florida* TV show. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Gallery is open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

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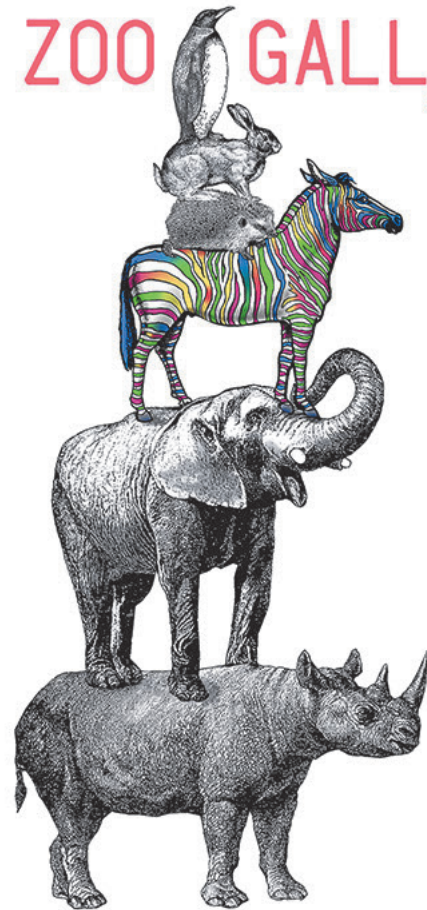
CALL TO ARTISTS

Arts and Design Society (ADSO) once again teams up with the Northwest Florida Fair for the annual Fine Arts Show for Adults and Students. Open to all artists. Turn-in dates are Friday, **Sept. 22**, noon-5 p.m., and Saturday, **Sept. 23**, 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee for adults is \$30 for up to five pieces. Entry fee for high school and middle school students is \$2 per piece for up to five pieces. A copy of the entry form with details is available at www.artsdesignsociety.org. Call 850-582-1329 for more info.

ADSO's "Steampunk" Show, open to all artists in any media, as long as you're interpreting the Victorian Era with "steam-powered and clockwork-inspired technology." Cash awards. Turn-in dates are Saturday, **Sept. 30**, 1-4 p.m., and Monday, **Oct. 2**, 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee is \$35 for two pieces (\$25 for ADSO members). Entry form and details at www.artsdesignsociety.org.

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From last issue's cover photographer Edward McGrath, a baby armadillo spotted in Fort Pickens.



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Breakfast in Beachcomberland doesn't get better than this.

Heritage

By Nikki Hedrick

Touring life isn't as glamorous as most assume, but every successful tour is a cause to celebrate. Beachcomberland's own reggae influenced rockers Heritage has spent a substantial portion of the summer touring the West Coast and have new music on the horizon.

Current members are **Tony Verrecchia** (vocals), **Hunter Dawson** (guitar), **Matt Moore** (bass), and **Billy Kernen** (drums). Both Verrecchia and Dawson were on the interview call, which created exchanges like this:

"I never got my orangutan," says Verrecchia without much inflection.

"That's been on Tony's rider," explains Dawson. "And he bitches about it all the time."

"An orangutan that rolls spicy tuna rolls (sushi) is all I wanted," Verrecchia continues. "We're just trying to be rock stars, man. And you can tell by Hunter's laugh that was a bullshit comment."

Now that we all know what is not so secretly on Verrecchia's Christmas list, let's celebrate how Heritage began recording in 2008 and playing shows in 2009. Ten years as a band is far from something to sneeze at, but Verrecchia is quick to downplay it. "The more you travel on the road, and the more you find out how long bands have been doing it...I don't think the 10-year mark is celebrated with a lot of bands. We're like, *Let's not talk about it and focus on the work.*"

"We were on the road 10 weeks total," Verrecchia says of the band's recent tour. "We drove back and forth from Oregon twice and now, coming back, we have some time to re-group. We want to get some more tracks out there, some more music. Songs that we've been playing for quite a while that we have yet to record."

"The thing about the songs," says Dawson. "For a while, we wanted to do a full-length album and figure it all out. We started to think instead of endeavoring on a \$20,000 investment and the way that everyone is doing stuff now—everyone is just downloading single songs anyways. So I think what we're trying to do is a very feasible task, to get two or three of the newer songs produced and mixed. We want people to hear them.

"I'm totally pumped because we have four months before the end of the



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year, so we have plenty of time to get the songs out. We are ready to roll into 2018 showing where we're headed."

Between tales of gross gas station bathrooms and the joy of returning home to a bedroom with a door, there were gems of people excited to see live music.

"Rolling into some little town and everyone is ear-to-ear grinning and saying that they've been looking forward to this show for two months..." says Dawson. "And the whole bar is packed out with people requesting songs, and it's a place we have never been to before. It felt like an accomplishment."

Heritage are hardly strangers to touring, having played in over 20 states, but Verrecchia explains the difference between a self-organized tour and being a part of a behemoth like the Vans Warped Tour—"the weight is on your shoulders."

He adds: "There is always something good to be taken from it. This was one of those tours, where it's about how you handle it. We learned to let the reigns go a little bit and roll with the punches. There's always a lot to be learned whether you are playing to a thousand people or are playing for five people."

Moving forward, Dawson says the band is focused on "making decisions based on what we want to do, which is travel and spread our music."

Those decisions have led Heritage from south Florida to Austin's South by Southwest Festival, and all the way

to California to work with a producer on some all-new music that could obtain national distribution.

"It's all a work in progress," says Verrecchia. "We can't play any of the music we wrote with him until some things get signed, so we've just been sleeping on this new music. All that is kind of coming to a spearhead at the end of the year, and we are going to see where our cards lie on the business end of all that stuff."

Whatever the outcome, one thing is for certain. Heritage is keeping a busy dance card. Upcoming shows include the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's Concerts in the Village this month, as well as the Destin Seafood Festival in October and Panama City Beach's Oktoberfest. More dates can be found in this issue's live music listings.

Keep up with this year's Beachcomber Music Award winners for Best Band at HeritageBand.com.

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

SEPT. 8

- Gregg Allman, *Southern Blood* (Also on Vinyl)
- Tori Amos, *Native Invader*
- Angelo De Augustine, *Swim Inside the Moon*
- Deep Purple, *A Fire in the Sky: A Career-Spanning Collection* (Also on Vinyl)
- Duane Eddy, *Guitar Star: The Complete RCA Singles A's & B's*
- Micah P. Hinson, *Presents the Holy Strangers*
- Jack Johnson, *All the Light Above It Too*
- Toby Keith, *The Bus Songs*
- Living Colour, *Shade*
- Dustin Lynch, *Current Mood*
- Mount Kimbie, *Love What Survives*
- The National, *Sleep Well Beast*
- Thomas Rhett, *Life Changes*
- Robin Trower, *Day of the Eagle: The Best of Robin Trower*
- Neil Young, *Hitchhiker* (Also on Vinyl)

SEPT. 15

- Big & Rich, *Did It for the Party*
- Marc Broussard, *Easy to Love*
- Larry Campbell & Teresa Williams, *Contraband Love*
- Foo Fighters, *Concrete and Gold* (Also on Vinyl)
- Gizmodrome, *Gizmodrome* (Also on Vinyl)
- Wyclef Jean, *Carnival III: The Fall and Rise of a Refugee*
- Carole King, *Tapestry: Live at Hyde Park* (CD/DVD)
- Michael McDonald, *Wide Open*
- Nine Inch Nails, *Add Violence EP*
- Prophets of Rage, *Prophets of Rage* (Also on Vinyl)
- Lee Ranaldo, *Electric Trim*
- 7 Minutes in Heaven, *Symmetry*
- Ringo Starr, *Give More Love*
- Hank Williams III, *Greatest Hits*
- Yusuf (nee Cat Stevens), *The Laughing Apple*
- This Is Us: Music from the Series*
- The Vietnam War: A Film by Ken Burns & Lynn Novick – The Soundtrack*

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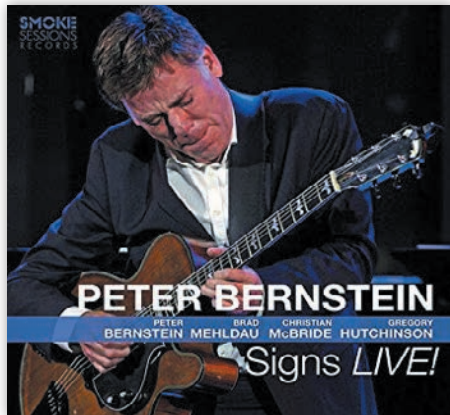
Music > Beachcomber's Record Roundup

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Peter Bernstein, Brad Mehldau, Christian McBride and Gregory Hutchinson

Signs Live!

Smoke Sessions Records



About 20 years ago, jazz guitarist Peter Bernstein put together a quartet of up-and-comers - himself, pianist Brad Mehldau, bassist Christian McBride and drummer Gregory Hutchinson for a four-hour studio recording called *Signs of Life*. The album gained a kind of cult status over the years. *Signs Live!* gets the band back together (for the first time since) but this time it's live—at Jazz at Lincoln Center. The 11 tracks include classics like “Pannonica” and “Crepuscle with Nellie” and original stuff. If you're a fan of any one of these guys (McBride for me), you'll be richly rewarded here.

- Bruce Collier

Chainsaw Kelly

Gone by the Light of Dawn

Independent

There seems to be a wonderful thing happening with bands. They are throwing out the rulebooks that are carefully crafted by suits and industry



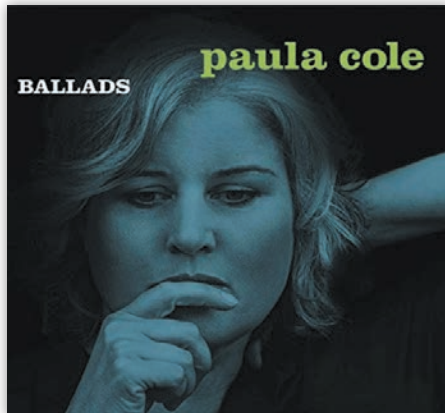
insiders to make genre-bending gems. Pensacola's Chainsaw Kelly melds bluesy soul, bluegrass charm, and rock sensibilities into a certain kind of southern magic. If you like your country on the alternative side or Americana not afraid of an occasional faster tempo, this four-song EP feels like rare and delightful ear candy.

- Nikki Hedrick

Paula Cole

Ballads

675 Records



To be fair, I was never a big fan of Paula Cole. I thought her style way too poetic, angry and overdramatic to be engaging. I enjoyed having my mind changed, though, with *Ballads*. Cole's 20-track album is a treasury of jazz, blues and folk classics from the 1930s to '60s, including some lesser-known stuff. Her covers of “God Bless

the Child” and “Ode to Billie Joe” are masterful. Her take on Dylan's “The Lonesome Death of Hattie Carroll” has a chilling, dance-like quality that made me uneasy long after it ended. Paula, you were right all the time.

- Bruce Collier

Grizzly Bear

Painted Ruins

RCA



The fifth album by Grizzly Bear, and the band's first release in five years, is a beautiful, dizzying work. Their folk-pop feels more sonically expansive than ever, filled with rolling beats and entrancing riffs. There is a particular largeness to the feelings on the deeply personal album, wherein lyrics about interpersonal relationships, grappling with mistakes, and internal conflict inadvertently feel like they were written as meditations on the state of the world. There is an inherent pleasure in the chaos of the songs, whether they are interpreted as personal or universal. *Painted Ruins* is a soothing force in troubling times.

- Jane Morgan

Harold Little

Akoben

Uniqek Sound Records



D.C. trumpeter Little's album *Akoben* appears to be his second as a leader. He debuted in 2009, has a lot of credits as a sideman, and grew up steeped in funk and R&B/soul. *Akoben* (a symbol meaning “war trumpet”) offers 12 tracks that include standards like “Take Five” (which I'd never heard played on trumpet), plus a load of straight-ahead and chunky-style funk. Some of the

titles, like “Stanky Weed,” are right out of '70s fusion albums. Other tracks are tailor made for dancing or just truckin'. His tone alternates—sometimes bold and commanding, other times muted and subtle.

- Bruce Collier

Queens of the Stone Age

Villains

Matador Records Limited



It's been nearly 20 years since *Rated R*, the album that made QOTSA a world-renowned band—a diplomatic way of saying the band has a little age on them. Yet *Villains* proves their music is anything but old. There's dance rock well as easily recognizable classic QOTSA like “The Way You Used to Do” and “The Evil Has Landed.” And then there are some quirks. Josh Homme seems to channel his inner David Bowie on “Domesticated Animals,” while the openings of both “Fortress” and “Villains of Circumstance” sound like they could have been cut for a Broadway-style score. But it works well. Overall, this much-anticipated album delights and doesn't disappoint in any way.

- Joni Williams

Q'werty

Untitled

Independent



The three-song EP was recorded before the heart of the band, Hope Given and Christian Mayes, hopped aboard a cruise ship for a musical adventure. If you have yet to see them live, their sound is hard to properly pigeonhole

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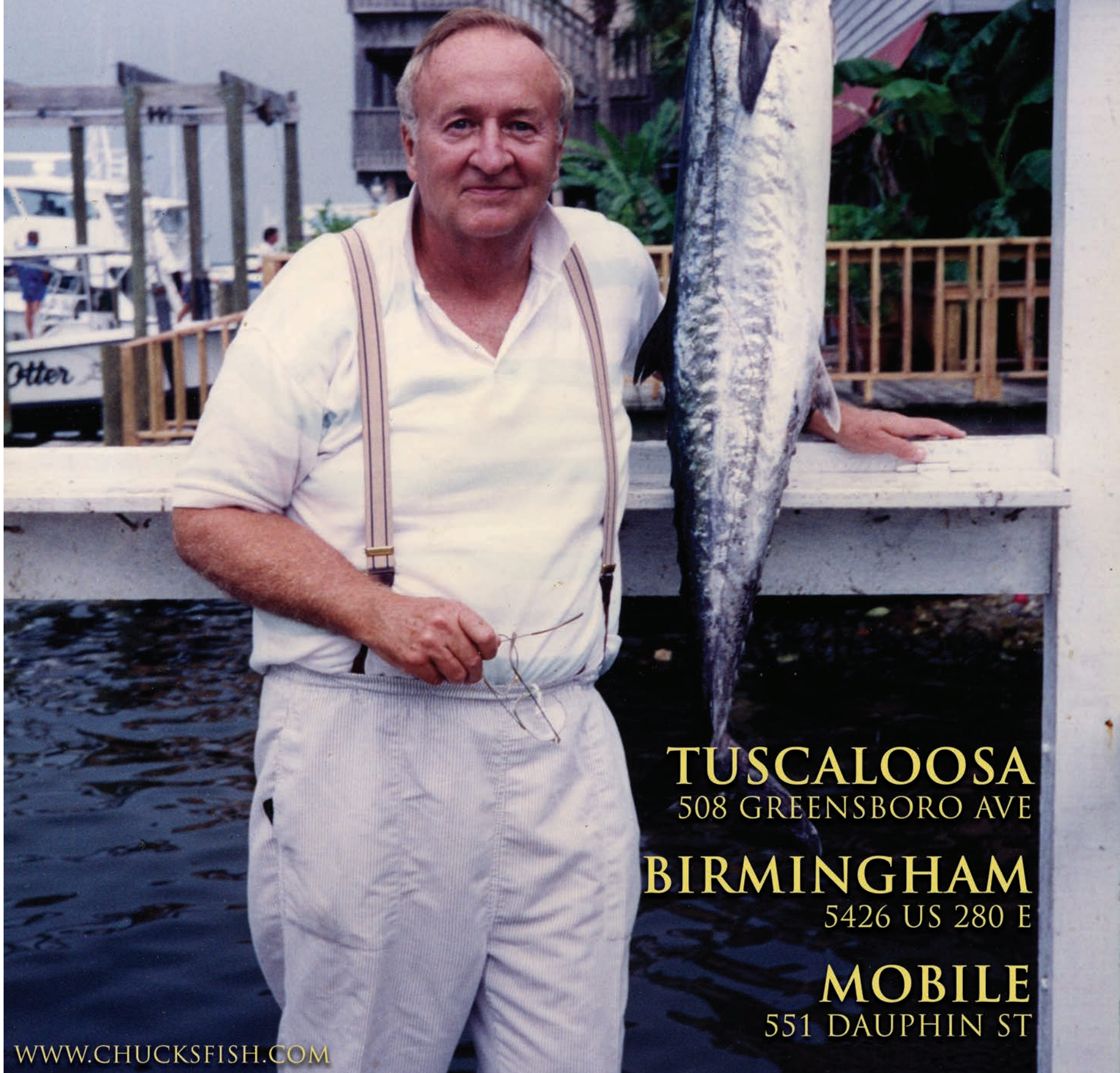
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Walter Becker, R.I.P.

Renowned Beachcomberland musician (among other things) **Shannon Wallace** writes:

I was on a business trip to Anaheim, California, at the Audio Engineering Society Convention with my manufacturing company, Truth Audio. We were demoing a newly-designed studio speaker system.

A very unassuming guy was standing at our booth listening to Truth Audio speakers. I introduced myself, and he said, “I am Walter.” I asked if he’d like to hear anything specific on our speaker system. He responded, “You got any Steely Dan?” I responded, “I have all of it.”

So I cued up a couple tracks from the *Aja* album as he got comfortable and sat down with me. He listened to almost half the album.

I asked him, “So how do you like the speakers?” He responded, “That’s how the record was intended to sound when we recorded it.” The light bulb went on over my head as I tried to not act excited.

“Are you Walter fucking Becker of Steely Dan?”

He laughed and said, “Yes, and I want a pair of your speakers.”

I shipped him a set of Truth Audio speakers as soon as I got back to Florida. Walter Becker was a very humble and nice guy. He also molded music all through my life and continues to inspire.

Music > Beachcomber’s Record Roundup CONTINUED...

but there is an underlying sense of joy. It has been said that the best art is art that makes you feel something, anything...the mere act of it affecting you. Safe travels, guys, and thanks for sending some music for when I need to feel that joy.

- Nikki Hedrick

Michael J Thomas *Driven*

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Our own well-known saxophonist has a few surprises up his sleeve. Thomas has built a name for himself as a fixture in the smooth jazz world, but on his newest album, he dabbles in some soul-pop vocals and funky rhythms which are sure to appeal to a new audience. Congratulations to Thomas for being daring in his approach to *Driven*.

- Nikki Hedrick

The War on Drugs *A Deeper Understanding* Atlantic



Adam Granduciel is one of the most dynamic and consistently stunning contemporary makers of rock music. *A Deeper Understanding*, the latest from his band the War on Drugs, is the most emotionally moving and exciting rock album in recent memory. The album is one of intense inward reflection, examining feelings of sadness and loneliness without ever fully succumbing to their power. It is entirely transfixing, providing an escape from our innermost thoughts, but never ignoring or undermining them. *A Deeper Understanding* invites you into Granduciel’s deeply layered world and offers gorgeous rock and a therapeutic release in return.

- Jane Morgan

Musicians and venues: Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com to have your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
THREE BEAN SOUP DUO, 8 p.m.
Or as we like to call them in this particular incarnation, Two Bean Soup.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

DUCK DUCK, Destin
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
HUGH MITCHELL, 7 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TAILFINS, Destin
WHISKEY KISS, 8 p.m.

30AVENUE, Santa Rosa Beach
KANE AND THE SAINTS, 6-9 p.m.
Music on the Green

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

AJ’S, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 p.m.-Midnight

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TONI DRAGO, 3-5 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
POST PLUTO, 9 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SHANK, 4-7 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.
CADILLAC WILLY, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
PAUL ROUSCH, 6 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
HERITAGE, 9 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
DIKI ROSS, 2 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
ALLMAN GOLDFLIES BAND, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.

STRIPES, Navarre
BOB CUSHING, 9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7 p.m.

THE 30A STORE, Seagrove Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 2-6 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 p.m.-Midnight

BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island
DIKI ROSS, 1 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
ACTION DOUG, 3-5 p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
MARI GLEASON, 1 p.m.

Live Music

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
THE GRAYTONES, 9 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
GONE WITH THE FLESH – CHEMTRAIL – DARK STAR COVEN, 8 p.m.

HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne Wharf
BOB CUSHING, Noon

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
PAUL ROUSCH, 5 p.m.

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach
LUKE LANGFORD BAND, 8 p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BLUE LEW, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
COCONUT RADIO, 7 p.m.

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

AJ’S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
JAMAH TERRY, 5-9 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village
BT TURNER, 1 p.m.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SHAWN HARTUNG & DAN HALL, 3-6 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
COLE JORDAN, 6-10 p.m.

JUANA’S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 3 p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday Sunday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 11 a.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT – “SMILIN” FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
KEVIN CARSON, 3-5 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m.
Cat Shirt Monday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
NIC TURNER & JOHN WOLCOTT, 7 p.m.

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation
Fall Concerts Starring
Beachcomber Music Award
Winners and More

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation Concerts in the Village fall series kicks off at the Cultural Arts Village in Destin with the reggae rock sounds of the Beachcomber Music Award winning band **Heritage** (profiled in this issue) **Sept. 14** from 7 to 9 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair, picnic and wine, or purchase soft drinks and dinner prepared by a featured restaurant or food trucks on site. General admission tickets are \$10. Children 12 and under are FREE. A limited number of VIP Tables are available to MKAF members for the concert season. All proceeds benefit MKAF and its education outreach programs.

For additional info, visit mattiekellyartsfoundation.org or call 850-650-2226.

Additional fall shows include this year’s Beachcomber Music Award winners for Best Country Artist **Luke Langford Band** on **Sept. 21**, **Deja Vu** on **Sept. 28**, and the Steve Miller Tribute band **Oct. 5**.
- Zandra Wolfgram

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2017 Pepsi Gulf Coast Jam

Frank Brown Park, Panama City Beach



Brett Eldredge

Photo by Dunaway's Studio.

Three straight days of live music is any concert lover's dream. No matter the rain, no matter the heat, no matter the mud, the 2017 Pepsi Gulf Coast Jam was an event to remember for years to come.

With a forecast of 80 percent chance of rain on Friday and Saturday and a 20 percent chance on Sunday, some people may have been scared away from attending the Labor Day weekend music festival. Regardless, over 20,000 country music fans filled Frank Brown Park in Panama City Beach. They sang along to their favorite artists in the rain and in the heat, seemingly unaware of the less-than-ideal conditions.

Music started at 2 p.m. each day and went on until midnight. Headliners **Jason Aldean**, **Little Big Town** and **Luke Bryan** closed the party each night, giving the crowd everything they could have wanted and more.

Friday night, Aldean played about three songs in the pouring rain before the remainder of the show

was cancelled due to weather concerns.

One of the most talked about aspects of the weekend, aside from the performers, was the mud. Rain from the week before plus the downpour Friday night had the ground at Frank Brown Park looking more like a mud puddle than a soccer field. By Saturday morning, every store within miles of Panama City Beach was sold out of rain boots. Concertgoers were determined to see their favorite artists perform even if they were ankle deep in muck.

Aside from the headliners, performers included big-name artists such as **Brett Eldredge**, **Kip Moore**, **Lee Brice**, **Tyler Farr**, **Dan & Shay**, **Kane Brown** and many more.

This was the fifth annual Pepsi Gulf Coast Jam and it definitely will not be the last. Producers teased the crowd with talks of the great artists that will perform at next year's festival. Tickets for 2018 are on sale now.

- Caroline Haney

Live Music

- HOG'S BREATH, Destin**
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.
- LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**
lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 p.m.
- MS. NEWBY'S, Panama City Beach**
BOB CUSHING, 9 p.m.
- POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach**
BOBBYD, 2-5 p.m.
- THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
- REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
- RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
- SEAGAR'S, Sandestin**
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.
- STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**
BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m.
Taco Tuesday
- SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight
- 30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

- AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.
- AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
- BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton**
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.
- BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.
- CAMILLE'S, Destin,**
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.
- CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin,**
captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.
- EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach**
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.
- FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666**
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.
- FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**
CONTINUUM, 7 p.m.
- GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**
NIC TURNER, 4-7 p.m.
- HOG'S BREATH, Destin**
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.
- LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**
lulubuffett.com/destin
JUSTIN YAWN, 6 p.m.
- THE OTHER END, Destin**
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.
- THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
- REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic, 7-10 p.m.

- RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)
- STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**
NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.
- SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight
- 30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.
- VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com**
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday Night Concert Series

- WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach**
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

- AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.
- AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.
- AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.
- BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.
- CAMILLE'S, Destin,**
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.
- CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com**
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.
- DUCK DUCK, Destin**
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 10 p.m.
- EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach**
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.
- FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**
30A Songwriter Duo FINE TO DRIVE, 8 p.m.
- GRAYTON BEER COMPANY, Santa Rosa Beach**
KYLE LaMONICA, 5 p.m.
- GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**
SHANK, 4-7 p.m.
- HOG'S BREATH, Destin**
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.
- LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach**
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night
- LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**
lulubuffett.com/destin
ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.
- MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org**
HERITAGE, 7-9 p.m. (\$10)
Concerts in the Village, Fall Edition. Heritage was voted Best Band at the 2017 Beachcomber Music Awards.
- McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin**
NAKD, 9 p.m.
- OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach**
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach**
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

Live Music

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)
STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.
SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight
TAILFINS, Destin INNA SENSE, 9 p.m.
30AVENUE, Santa Rosa Beach BOUKOU GROOVE, 6-9 p.m. <i>Music on the Green</i>
FRIDAY, SEPT. 15
AJ’S, Destin AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.
AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.
AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com BLAKE BROCK BAND, 8 p.m.-Midnight
THE BOATHOUSE LANDING, Valparaiso ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.
BOSHAMPS, Destin BOUKOU GROOVE, 7 p.m.
BRIC A BRAC, Destin JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.
CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com TONI DRAGO, 3-5 p.m.
COUNTY LINE PIZZA, Fort Walton Beach BOB CUSHING, 9 p.m.
DUCK DUCK, Destin DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 10 p.m.
GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach ED WRANN, 4-7 p.m.
HOG’S BREATH, Destin JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m. RHINO JUNKIES, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. <i>John Hoormann and his old band reunite for one very special night.</i>
JUANA’S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach SCOTT STEELE, 4 p.m.
KC’S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach MELISSA JOINER, 9 p.m. HERITAGE, 11 p.m.
LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin GRITS ‘N PIECES, 5 p.m.
MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.
MODICA MARKET, Seaside THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.
REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach TBD, 6:30-10 p.m.
THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.
SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight
TAILFINS, Destin INNA SENSE, 9 p.m.
30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.
THE 30A STORE, Seagrove Beach CASEY KEARNEY MUSIC, 6 p.m.
THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach BT TURNER, 8 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 16
AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 2-6 p.m.
AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com BLAKE BROCK BAND, 8 p.m.-Midnight
BORAGO, Santa Rosa Beach BOUKOU GROOVE, 11 p.m.
BRIC A BRAC, Destin COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.
CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com ACTION DOUG, 3-5 p.m.
CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach MARI GLEASON, 1 p.m.
COUNTY LINE PIZZA, Fort Walton Beach ADAM KELLUM, 9 p.m.
DOC’S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso BOB CUSHING, 7 p.m.
FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 HERITAGE, 9 p.m.
HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com CONTINUUM, 2 p.m.
JUANA’S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach SCOTT STEELE, 8 p.m.
LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin ALVARADO ROAD SHOW, 6 p.m.
MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin SHENANIGANS, 9 p.m.
OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
THE OTHER END, Destin ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.
THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)
STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach BLUE LEW, 6-9 p.m.
SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight
VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com CHRIS ALVARADO, 7 p.m.

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.
WORLD OF BEER, Destin Rock the Mic Karaoke, 8 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 17
AJ’S, Destin JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.
AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.
AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com JAMAH TERRY, 5-9 p.m.
BOSHAMPS, Destin CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.
CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon
CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village BT TURNER, 1 p.m.
FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.
FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7 p.m.
THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.
GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6 p.m.
HOG’S BREATH, Destin COLE JORDAN, 5 p.m.
JUANA’S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach COCONUT RADIO, 3 p.m.
LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m. <i>Sunday Funday</i>
LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin CADILLAC ATTACK, 5 p.m.
MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin BOB CUSHING, 11 a.m.
THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.
SEAGAR’S, Sandestin RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.
STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.
STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS, 11 a.m.
SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight
TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach BILL GARRETT – “SMILIN” FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
MONDAY, SEPT. 18
AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.
CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com KEVIN CARSON, 3-5 p.m.

COASTERS, Fort Walton Beach STRANGE TANG, 9 p.m.
THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.
GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.
HOG’S BREATH, Destin JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m. <i>Cat Shirt Monday</i>
LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin DREW TILLMAN, 5 p.m.
POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.
THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.
SEAGAR’S, Sandestin RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.
STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 19
AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.
BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.
BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 p.m.
CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.
CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.
EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.
FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 NIC TURNER & JOHN WOLCOTT, 7 p.m.
HOG’S BREATH, Destin BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.
LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 p.m.
THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
SEAGAR’S, Sandestin RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.
STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m. <i>Taco Tuesday</i>
SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight
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BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin,
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TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

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BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CONTINUUM, 7 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
NIC TURNER, 3-6 p.m.

HELEN BACK, Navarre
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic, 7-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

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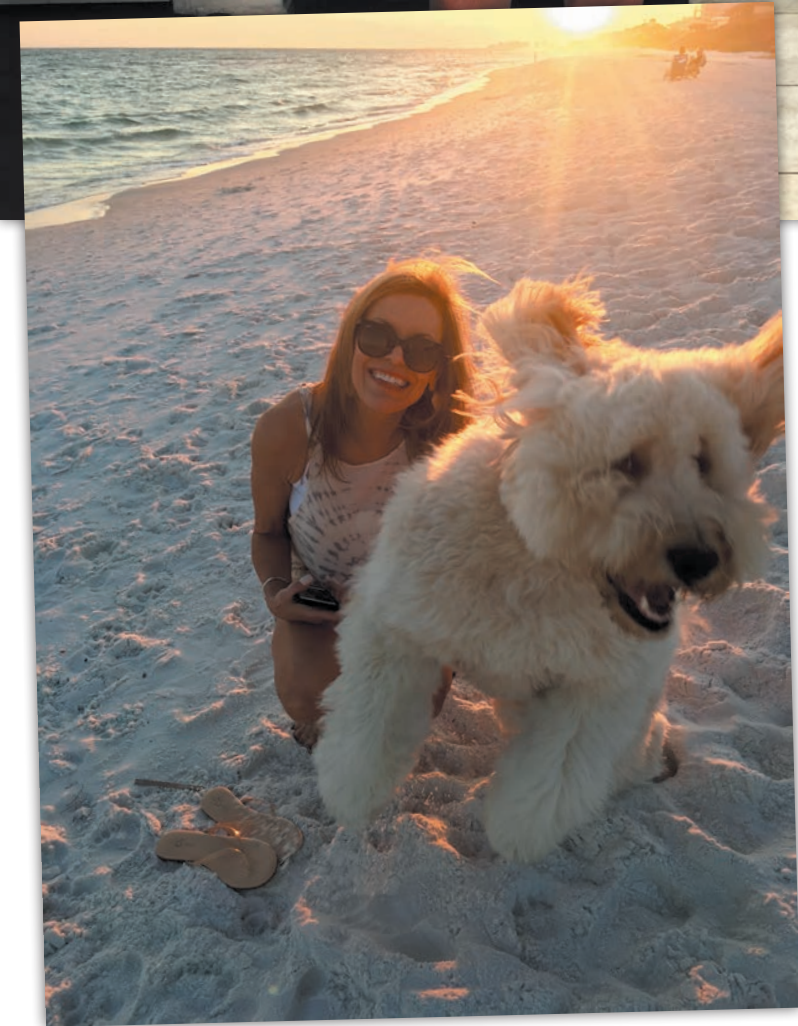
PET OF THE ISSUE

Champ

Submitted by Jessica Proffitt Bracken

Champ is an F1 Goldendoodle born to Daisy and Red in Bonifay, Alabama. Jessica and Levin scooped up the little guy at six weeks old as a Valentines Day gift to each other. Champ will celebrate his third birthday in December, and weighs in at a whopping 70 pounds.

Champ loves lizard hunting in his backyard, gallivanting on 30A, chasing birds, swimming at the beach, lounging with his girls at Proffitt PR, satiations with his grandparents, Sunday brunch, and, most of all, hanging with his Berniedoodle cousin Rosie.



TOP LEFT:
Champ and
his mama
celebrating
National Dog
Day.

TOP RIGHT:
Champ
sipping
coffee with
his parents,
Christmas
Day 2016.

LEFT: Champ
with his
grandmother
on the beach
at Gulf
Place. Flock
of seagulls
not pictured.

RIGHT:
Champ loves
Sunday
Funday.



Emerald Coast Honor Games Brings 9/11 Moment of Honor to Destin



The Emerald Coast Honor Games, a fitness competition and community atmosphere taking place at Legendary Marine in Destin this November 11, invites the community and area business representatives to participate in a 9/11 Moment of Honor Monday, **Sept. 11**, at 7 a.m. in the Destin Commons Patriot Circle.

As the Emerald Coast Honor Games mission surrounds raising funds to support defenders on the front line, the group has an innate reverence for those who serve our country and protect our freedom.

The event is being held in honor of the events and victims surrounding the

tragic attacks of September 11, 2001. Attendees are invited to enjoy a light breakfast provided by Whole Foods from 7 to 7:30 a.m. The Moment of Honor includes guest speakers, raising of the flags, the national anthem and more, and will conclude at 8.

Attendees are encouraged to make a \$10 donation towards supporting the Emerald Coast Honor Games, which in turn benefits the Okaloosa Sheriff's Star Charities, Healing Paws for Warriors, Special Forces Association, and the Combat Control Association.

To register and learn more, visit emeraldcoasthonorgames.com.

- Jessica Proffitt Bracken

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All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Sept. 21-Oct. 4 events by 5 p.m. Thursday, **Sept. 14**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

WIGGIN' OUT FOR A CAUSE

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, Miramar Beach, 6-10 p.m.

eccac.org

Wine, food, music and fun benefiting **Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center**. Tickets are \$100 at the door—VIP tickets with designer wig are \$125. Call 850-833-9237, ext. 283 for more info.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

FREE CIVIL WAR PRESENTATION

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, Noon

850-678-2615

The museum's FREE lunchtime lecture series welcomes **Dr. Brian Rucker**, a professor of history at Pensacola State College, who presents "Mine Eyes Have Seen: Firsthand Reminiscences of the Civil War in West Florida." Space is limited, so call to reserve a spot.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAYS

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 11 a.m.

EmeraldGrande.com

Get your football on with great food and drink specials from your favorite HarborWalk spots.

DOWNTOWN FORT WALTON BEACH FARMERS MARKET

Fort Walton Beach Landing Park, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

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EMERALD COAST CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER TEAM UP & TAILGATE PARTY

Destin Commons, 6 p.m.

eccac.org

Head up to the top floor of the office building adjacent to the parking garage. Dress casual and enjoy cornhole competition, wine pong, live and silent auctions and more. Tickets are \$125 per person or \$1,000 for a table of 10. Call 850-833-9237, ext. 283 for more info.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Park, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

www.GrandBoulevard.com

Dozens of unique vendors offer mostly locally sourced food-based items. Specialty soaps and lotions are also for sale.

HUNGER GAMES - "THE ULTIMATE FOOD TRUCK THROWDOWN"

Harley-Davidson of Pensacola, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

850-433-5437

3-D Eats & Tea Food Truck presents its inaugural family-friendly event, with some of Pensacola's top food trucks battling it out for the coveted Hunger Helm award. Plus street magic by **Rod Cannon**, sports demonstrations, eating contests, and a special Kids Zone with bounce houses and more. All proceeds will benefit **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida** and **McArthur Elementary School PTA**. For more info, call Dana at the number above or email dhall@bbbsnwfl.org.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 a.m.

www.SeasideFL.com

SEPTEMBER SATURDAYS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-10 p.m.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

KIERAN MAY MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

Kelly Plantation Golf Club, Destin, 11 a.m.

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The "Team Up and Tailgate" theme continues. Cost per golfer is \$400 and includes two tickets to the **Sept. 9** party at Destin Commons. For sponsorship info, call 850-833-9237, ext. 283.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

TAI CHI

Destin Library, 9 a.m.

taichiforarthrititis.com

One-hour classes with certified instructor **Barbara Rezmer**. Cost is \$5 per session with enrollment limited to 12. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.



COMMUNITY DO-GOODERS DEPARTMENT... Children in Crisis prez and CEO Ken Hair with Gulfshore AC and Heating owner-president Steve Reynolds and office administrator Krista Landen. Gulfshore donated a ton of items for CIC's recent food drive.

Fresh Start Tackles Homelessness at Sept. 22 Gala

By Alita Feek

On Friday, Sept. 22, Fresh Start for Children and Families is going to rock Hurlburt Field’s Soundside Club. With a little help from local band **The Mulligans**, and a lot of help from the community, Fresh Start has one goal—that make the Sixth Annual Friends of Fresh Start Gala the best ever.

This year’s gala has a football theme, and Fresh Start is inviting the public to “Help Tackle Family Homelessness!”

Fresh Start, located in Fort Walton Beach half a mile from Uptown Station, helps the homeless. But wait a second...that image that just popped into your head of the person sitting on a sidewalk? Scratch it. According to executive director **Tracey Williams**, “The folks that they’re picturing, the guy under the bridge with the beard makes up less than five percent of the actual homeless population. The real population of homeless are families—they are living out of their cars, are living with other families, and living in hotels.”

In other words, Okaloosa County’s homeless population looks a lot like your friends and neighbors.

Fresh Start’s entire *raison d’être* is about giving people the tools to create permanent change, and Williams

explains that “initially when they get here, we try to get them all the resources we can whether that’s childcare vouchers, or helping get government assistance if need be. But the idea is to wean them off all those things.” To achieve that goal, clients who are accepted to Fresh Start live in onsite transitional housing for up to nine months, and during that time, they engage in a rigorous program tailored to their needs.

All clients are required to hold jobs, and saving 10 percent of all income is compulsory. After successfully graduating from transitional housing, residents are eligible to move into the “step-up housing” apartment complex across the street (also run by Fresh Start), where they may live up to a year.

Unique in that it receives zero government funding, Fresh Start is primarily funded by proceeds from Repeat Street, a thrift store that is staffed entirely by volunteers. Local individuals, businesses, and churches contribute as well, and Fresh Start also works with the United Way.

And then there is the annual gala. Thanks to strong community support and the fantastic entertainment provided by the Mulligans (“The Emerald Coast’s Premier Special Events Band,” who play the gala every year), Fresh Start needed a



bigger location for 2017. That’s where Soundside comes in.

It will be an evening of rocking out to tunes from the ‘50s, ‘60s, ‘70s, and more. And you don’t even have to wear a suit—guests are encouraged to don football jerseys or their favorite team gear. Capped off with a silent auction, heavy football-themed *hors d’oeuvres*, and a cash bar, this year promises to be the best yet.

For more information, call 850-243-4548 or visit **FreshStartFL.com**. Tickets start at \$40 and, due to the Hurlburt Field location, must be purchased in advance.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

CRAFT BEER DINNER

HarborView Room, Emerald Grande, Destin, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
850-424-0622
Enjoy a multi-course dinner with craft beer pairings. Cost is \$65 per person plus gratuity and tax.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

NASH NEXT

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin
BaytowneWharf.com
One talented person will be selected as the NASH-FM National Singing Contest Winner. Of course, you know who we're rooting for!

NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK EXHIBIT

Destin Commons, 3-7 p.m.
DestinCommons.com



Learn all about driving electric. Over 30 electric vehicles will be on display, including electric bikes and motorcycles.

OKTOBERFEST PUB CRAWL

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6 p.m.-1 a.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
Drink specials at FishHeads, Jackacuda's, Jesters and Coyote Ugly, benefiting EOD Warrior Foundation. Pub crawl passes are \$10 each.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAYS

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 11 a.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
Get your football on with great food and drink specials from your favorite HarborWalk spots.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Park, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
www.GrandBoulevard.com
Dozens of unique vendors offer mostly locally sourced food-based items. Specialty soaps and lotions are also for sale.

"LITTLE FREE LIBRARY" GRAND OPENING

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 2-4 p.m.
850-678-2615
Enjoy ribbon cutting for the "take a book, return a book" FREE exchange, along with light refreshments and story time for the kids.

OKTOBERFEST

HarborWalk Village, Destin, Noon-5 p.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
Live music from Auf Wiedersehen and Continuum, plus food vendors, arts and crafts, German and seasonal craft beers, stein hoisting, and games. Preregister at eventbrite.com for your FREE tasting punch card and mini stein, and be entered to win \$50 cash toward your drink tab for the day.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 a.m.
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SEPTEMBER SATURDAYS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-10 p.m.
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2017 INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

Norriego Point, Destin, 9-11 a.m.
CityOfDestin.com
Water and t-shirts will be provided for participants.

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

TAI CHI

Destin Library, 9 a.m.
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One-hour classes with certified instructor Barbara Rezmer. Cost is \$5 per session with enrollment limited to 12. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19- SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

CONSTITUTION WEEK EXHIBIT

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso
850-678-2615

Special exhibit sponsored by the Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, showcasing the United States Constitution and highlighting some of the many stories of Revolutionary War patriots from Okaloosa County. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military, \$3 for children and \$0 for museum members and children 4 and under.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

FOURTH ANNUAL STEAK & STAKE DINNER WITH JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE

South Walton Boys & Girls Club, 6:30 p.m. – VIP seating at 5 p.m.
850-344-7763
Meet with and hear from club members, as youth share their stories of why Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast has made a positive impact on their lives. Tickets are \$100 for general admission and \$150 for VIP. Email cmayes@bgcec.com for tickets and sponsorship info.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA

1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

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Sunday services—beach service at Henderson State Park, Destin, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); beach service at the Crab Trap, Scenic 98, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); summer service at Destin Life Center, 200 Beach Drive, Destin, 10 a.m. (combined traditions and Xalt); sunset beach service at Henderson State Park, 6:30 p.m. (bring your own chair). 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN

Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE

Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

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Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

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Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834

U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

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Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

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Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

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Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. www.saintrita parish.org.

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Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

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Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or www.shorelinechurch.net.

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Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

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Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

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The Northwest Florida Fairgrounds – A Fort Walton Beach Institution

By Samantha Lambert

Think back to when your parents took you to the local county fair. Remember the smell of popcorn, peanuts and cotton candy, the colorful lights, and the shrieks and laughter of those enjoying the amusement rides. There were animal exhibits and booths selling different types of food, crafts and other items. There was usually a popular singer or recording group playing on a stage. It was always a fun time for the entire family.

The Okaloosa Industrial Fair made its debut over 45 years ago on Okaloosa Island, with circus tents and commercial booths with local businesses selling their wares. In 1967, this fair became known as the Fort Walton Beach Shrine Fair and secured its 501(c)(3) to become a nonprofit organization. In May 1971, Fort Walton Beach City Councilman C.H. "Bull" Rigdon and a group of men bought the rights to the Shrine Fair and moved it away from Okaloosa Island.

With the help of Congressman Bob Sikes and Secretary of the Air Force Lewis Turner, Rigdon was able to secure 42 acres of land for a county fair. Part of the land was to be used for the fairgrounds, part for a vocational school, and part for a fire station. The name of the road that ran parallel to the properties was then changed to Lewis Turner Boulevard.

"My Dad saw that the community needed a fair. The state only allowed one fair per county," says Rigdon's son Charles. At the time, "Bull" was a deputy chief of engineering at Eglin Air Force Base. He had been born in Walton County in 1929. His father was a bridge builder, and the family moved 29 times.

"He really didn't have any hobbies, so he got involved in the community," says Charles. Rigdon was first elected to the Fort Walton Beach City Council in 1964 and remained on the council through 1981. He was reelected to the council again in 1985. His nickname came from his grandfather due to Rigdon's hardheadedness.

When the fair was moved to the land on Lewis Turner, it became the Okaloosa County Fair. When "Bull" retired from Eglin in 1988, he decided to become a full-time fair executive. This required

training and classes. He was elected president of the Florida Federation of Fairs twice. In the 1990s, he was named Fairman of the Year. "Bull" was also responsible for pushing through a lot of legislation on fairs in the Florida State Legislature.

In September 2009, the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds was renamed the C.H. "Bull" Rigdon Fairgrounds and Recreation Complex. In a City of Fort Walton Beach press release announcing the name change, "Bull" noted what an honor it was for him and his family. "It's a good thing for the citizens and the community. It gives people a place to have events where they otherwise wouldn't be able to," he said at the time.

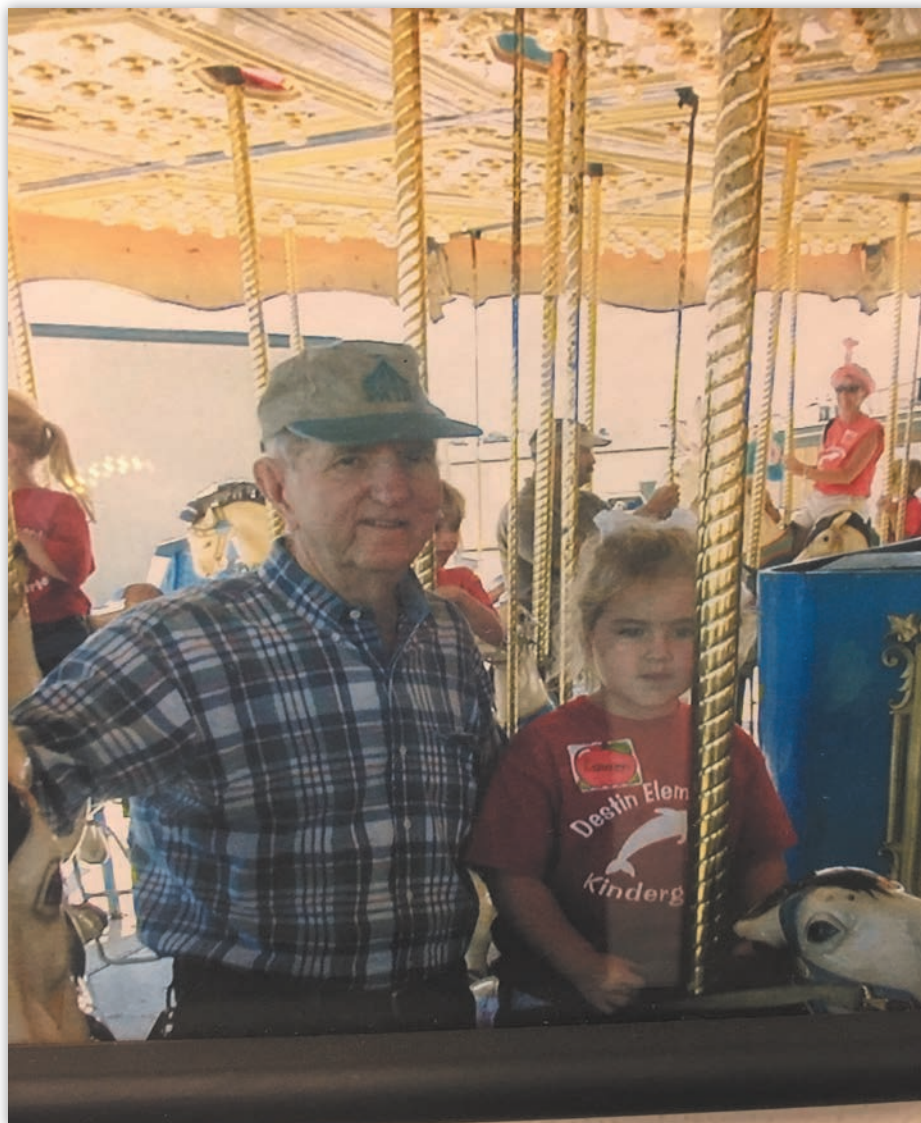
Rigdon passed away in December 2014. "This will be the third fair without him," says Charles. "When I was young, Dad always made sure I had a job at the fair every year like sweeping up. I do the same thing with my son Blake. When my daughter Lauren was in elementary school, my dad would invite her class out to the fairgrounds."

Charles Rigdon is now the CEO and Chairman of the Northwest Florida Fair. The fairgrounds today boasts 45,000 square feet of rentable space, 36,000 square feet of controlled exhibit and meeting spaces, and banquet space for 1,000 attendees. There are a variety of events that take place at the fairgrounds, including dog shows, gun shows, roller derby and military appreciation days.

There is also a "Yesteryear" museum on the property with artifacts of earlier times in the area. The fairgrounds have served as a location for Emergency Services, Gulf Power and Feed America after natural disasters. The city of Fort Walton Beach owns the property, and the Fair Association owns the building.

"We have a great group of board members," says Charles. "We work with a family-owned amusement company who are hard-working people. All rides are inspected by the state of Florida. We see a lot of the same people out here every year."

The 2017 Northwest Florida Fair takes place **Sept. 26-30**. The fairgrounds are located at 1958 Lewis Turner Boulevard in Fort Walton Beach. For more information, visit **NWFFair.com** or call 850-862-0211.



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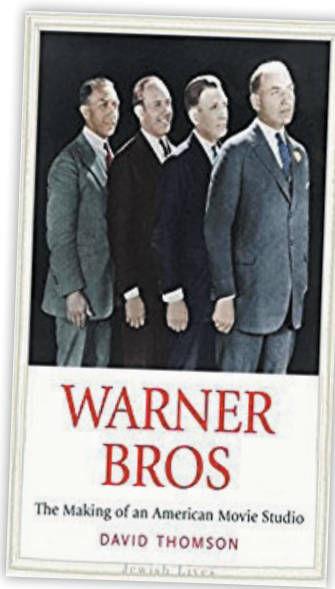
Recommended Reading

David Thomson

Warner Bros: The Making of an American Movie Studio
Yale University Press

Thomson’s *Warner Bros* makes a point of the “bros” in the title. This succinct, opinionated work chronicles the rise, eminence and decline of the Hollywood studio. Thomson’s thesis is that of Heraclitus: “Character is destiny.” As he sees it, pretty much everything, good or lousy, that happened to Warners came as a result of the brothers—notably Jack. The Warners had help—the personalities and quirks of stars like Al Jolson, Joan Blondell, Paul Muni, James Cagney, Bette Davis and Humphrey Bogart, and their famous and not so famous films, also contributed to the studio’s rags-to-riches saga.

- Marilu Morgan



Gabrielle Zevin

Young Jane Young
Algonzuin Books

Young Jane Young centers around a South Florida sex scandal between a married Congressman and his bright, ambitious intern, Aviva Grossman. After the scandal, the Congressman gets to continue his life just as before, but Aviva’s reputation is ruined—her past is revealed every time a potential employer performs a Google search of her name. Seeing no other options, Aviva changes her name and starts fresh somewhere else. Many years later, as a business owner and a single mother, she decides to run for office herself, but her reputation comes back to haunt her. *Young Jane Young* explores themes of feminism and recovering from a scandal in the age of the Internet. The story is told in a whimsical fashion, from multiple viewpoints and includes a choose-your-own-adventure section. A fun, funny and thought-provoking read.

- Marilu Morgan

UPCOMING BOOKS

SEPT. 12

- Action Bronson and Rachel Wharton, *F*ck, That’s Delicious: An Annotated Guide to Eating Well*
- Brene Brown, *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone*
- Hillary Rodham Clinton, *What Happened*
- Richard Paul Evans, *Michael Vey: The Final Spark*
- Ken Follett, *A Column of Fire*
- David Lagercrantz, *The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye: A Lisbeth Salander Novel*
- Trim Healthy Mama’s Trim Healthy Table: *More Than 300 All-New Healthy and Delicious Recipes from Our Homes to Yours* (Paperback)

SEPT. 19

- Ray Dalio, *Principles: Life and Work*
- Nelson DeMille, *The Cuban Affair*
- Budd Friedman with Tripp Whitesell, *The Improv: An Oral History of the Comedy Club That Revolutionized Stand-Up*
- Jan Karon, *To Be Where You Are: A Mitford Novel*
- Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard, *Killing England: The Brutal Struggle for American Independence*
- Zoe Whittall, *The Best Kind of People*

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SEPT. 8

Home Again. Reese Witherspoon, Michael Sheen, Candice Bergen.
It. The hotly-anticipated adaptation of Stephen King's epic novel. But can Andres Muschietti and his cast of unknowns measure up to the old TV miniseries?
9/11. Bruce Davison, Charlie Sheen, Luis Guzman, Whoopi Goldberg... too soon?
Trophy. An investigation of big game hunting, breeding and wildlife conservation.

SEPT. 15

American Assassin. Dylan O'Brien, Sanaa Lathan and Michael Keaton in the film adaptation of the late Vince Flynn's CIA man Mitch Rapp.
Rat Film. Documentary uses rats and the people who love/hate them as a springboard for the history of Baltimore.

Source: www.metacritic.com

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

SEPT. 12

Beatriz at Dinner. Connie Britton, Salma Hayek, John Lithgow.
It Comes at Night. Acclaimed horror flick from writer-director Trey Edward Shults.
The Mummy. Tom Cruise's flop reboot of the horror franchise.
Orphan Black Season 5
Veep Season 6

SEPT. 19

The Bad Batch. Keanu Reeves, Jim Carrey, Jason Momoa.
The Big Sick. The year's best romantic comedy, with Kumail Nanjiani, Zoe Kazan, Ray Romano and Holly Hunter.
Certain Women. Laura Dern, James Le Gros. Based on the short fiction of Maile Meloy.
The Vietnam War. Ken Burns co-directed the new PBS documentary.
Wonder Woman. Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, Danny Huston.

Source: www.metacritic.com, www.dvdsreleasedates.com

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

"WOMAN IN GOLD"
Destin Library, 2 p.m.
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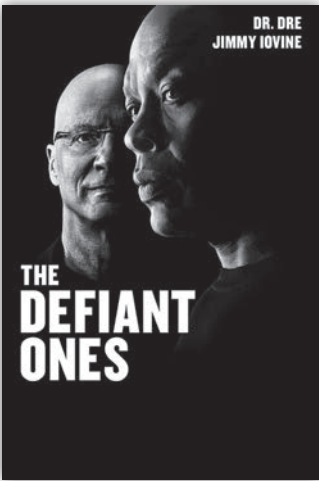
Academy Award winner Helen Mirren stars in Simon Curtis' historical drama about a woman's search for a famous painting of her aunt plundered by Nazis during World War II. Based on a true story. The FREE screening is sponsored by the Friends of the Destin Library, Inc. and is intended for mature audiences.



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The Defiant Ones
HBO/HBO Now/HBO Go

This four-part documentary provides the backstory on Jimmy Iovine and Dr. Dre, the record producers who famously joined forces on the Beats headphones that were eventually sold to Apple for a record-breaking \$3 billion. Eschewing longwinded evolution, the documentary focuses on the two men's histories, detailing the gangsta rap days of the 1990s and the incredibly intense (and lethal) rivalry between East and West Coast rappers. Likewise, it brings to light Iovine's amazing knack for discovering talent rather than making it. Besides Iovine and gentle giant Dre, *The Defiant Ones'* in-depth interviews include an interesting assortment of rap and rock megastars—Snoop Dogg, Kendrick Lamar, Eminem, Bono, Trent Reznor, Bruce Springsteen, Stevie Nicks and Gwen Stefani. A long story to be sure, but well worth watching from beginning to end.
- Joni Williams



The Incredible Jessica James
Netflix

Written and directed by James C. Strouse, this charming and moving romantic comedy sees Jessica (Jessica Williams), a theater teacher and playwright, navigating her life post-breakup in New York City. She gets set up on a date with Boone (Chris O'Dowd), a recent divorcee, and they come to bond over the messiness of post-breakup actions and feelings. It's a movie that provides a realistic take with depth and comedy on love in the digital age, career frustrations and successes, and what true love and support can foster.
- Jane Morgan



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EC Theatre Company Calls on Community to Help Support Local Actor and Educator



Darla Briganti (front, in purple) with Emerald Coast Theatre Company's young thespians.

Emerald Coast Theatre Company (ECTC) invites the community to help support one its own.

Darla Briganti, ECTC's lead educational programming instructor, has been traveling to and from Orlando to care for her ailing husband Kevin Kain. After a nine-month battle, he passed away August 31. ECTC has established a public GoFundMe campaign to help her with medical bills and living expenses during this difficult time.

"Miss Darla—as we all fondly call her—has been an integral part of the growth of the ECTC educational programs. Her expertise and dedication to her theater students is clear through her passion and the attention she gives to each and every child. Our hearts hurt for one of our own, for one of the tribe," says ECTC producing artistic director **Nathanael Fisher**.

Originally from Orlando, Darla Briganti attended the University of Florida on a full acting scholarship and received a BFA in 1982. Her career in the entertainment industry spans 30 years where she has worked as an actor, singer, dancer, director and choreographer throughout the southeast. Her most treasured roles

to date include the title roles in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* and *Mame*, as well as Mama Rose in *Gypsy*. Last season, she appeared on the ECTC stage as Dorothea in *Eleemosynary*.

In addition to her professional acting career, Miss Darla founded her own award-winning youth acting troupe, Our Gang Players, which gave her a chance to share her passion with the next generation of theater enthusiasts. Upon moving to the Emerald Coast, she immediately began working for Oz Children's Theatre, where she had a successful eight-year run, directing more than 30 productions with young actors ages 4 to 18.

Currently, Miss Darla is in her second year with ECTC's educational theater programs. She also enjoys teaching professional film acting to students of all ages at her acting school, A Class Act Studio in Fort Walton Beach. Many of her current and past students are successfully pursuing their careers in larger markets including Atlanta, New Orleans, New York and Los Angeles.

To contribute to Miss Darla's GoFundMe campaign, visit **GoFundMe.com** and search for "Darla-family-fund" or link to it from ECTC's Facebook page.

- Zandra Wolfgram



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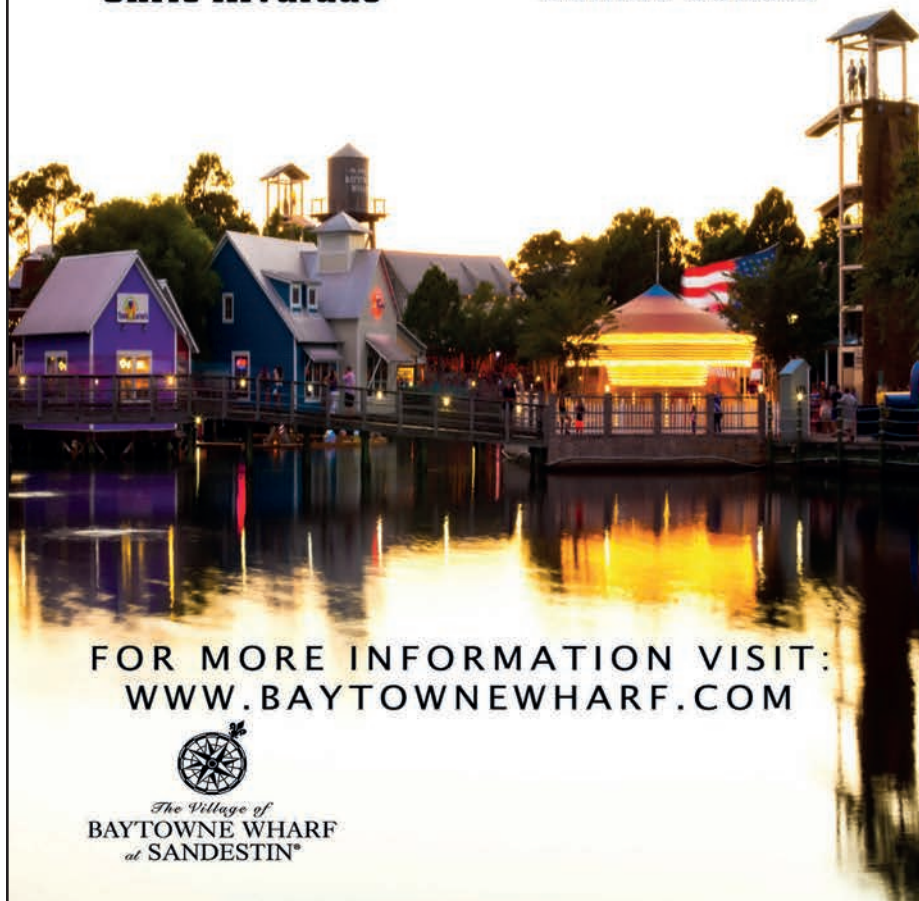
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SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

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Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village,
9:30 p.m.

TheSTOKEDShow.com

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

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Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village,
9:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach,
7:30 p.m.

EmeraldCoastTheatre.org



The musical comedy about dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives and in-laws runs through **Oct. 1**. Music by Jimmy Roberts, book and lyrics by Joe Dipietro. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$26 for seniors and \$22 for students. Running time is 120 minutes. Recommended for ages 13 and up "due to mature situations."

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

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560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach,
7:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

HYPNOSIS GONE WILD – ADULT COMEDY SHOW

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village,
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SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

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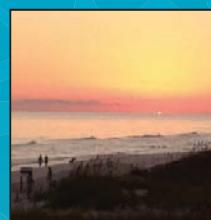
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Ken Beaird

U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

After 20 years and 235 combat missions in Vietnam as a fighter pilot, Major **Ken Beaird**, up for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, made a monumental change in his life. Having grown up on the Texas Gulf Coast, Beaird—raised with saltwater in his veins—decided that his place was right here on the Emerald Coast. The impact on his life and his wife Fran would be tremendous, but the significance of Beaird’s choice of a new hometown would be paramount to our community.

Ken and his wife bought the Reveille II Charter Boat and the iconic Reveille Motel from Destin fishing legend Captain Trammel in 1977. For two years, Ken was both a major in the Air Force and a Captain in the Destin Charter Fleet until he opted to give up his life as a pilot of planes and go full time into piloting fishing trips.

“We lived there for seven years and we had the boat there. It was a nice little mom and pop operation,” Ken says. Guests paid \$20 a night per person, \$25 if they stayed in one of the



motel’s kitchenettes. Even back in the winters of the late 1970s, Ken remembers Canadian Snowbirds staying for a month or two. “We charged as much per month then as they charge per night at today’s local hotels,” he recollects.

Heavily involved in the Chamber of Commerce with the businesses of accommodations and Charter Fishing, Ken served as a past president and board member of the Destin Chamber of Commerce. He also served his community as mayor during the community’s vital growing period and as the Destin Charter Boat Association president.

He worked hard for recreational fisherman and charter boat captains alike as a past president of the National Charter Boat Association. From longtime membership in the Destin Methodist Church to a

prominent board member position with the Destin Fishing Rodeo, Ken has spent decades serving our community as a businessman and citizen willing to lead.

Wife Fran immediately stepped into the role of local businesswoman, chairing the committee that led to the incorporation of Destin as a city. She became Destin’s first city clerk and fought to keep the fishing village persona. She was instrumental in the building of the Mid-Bay Bridge and played a huge part in organizing the first Destin Seafood Festival and the Destin Christmas Parade.

“It wasn’t nearly as big as it is now,” Fran says of that first parade. “But everyone pitched in, and we made it something nice. Instead of just a charter boat organization parade, it was a community parade. And it’s been that way ever since.”

While Ken and Fran were busy in community activities, their daughters Kathy and Alicia were involved in booking fishing trips on the Reveille II and rooms in the motel.

The combined eight decades of dedication and service to the people of Destin have made the Beairds a part of this community’s rich history. They were recognized last year by the Destin Christmas Parade when they were made Grand Marshalls.

From the beaches of Texas to the beaches of Destin, our fishing village is lucky that that the Beaird family’s Air Force career landed them here. Ken and Fran are excellent examples of what future Warriors to Hometown Heroes should strive to be.

Submissions for this feature are welcome. Send your candidate’s name and contact info to chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

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This issue, **Jerry Sullivan** with Century 21 Blue Marlin gives us a quick refresher course on real estate basics.

Sullivan has been involved in commercial and residential real estate for over 14 years, including management, construction and ownership of a successful real estate company right here on the Emerald Coast.

If you have a specific real estate topic you would like to see addressed in future issues, email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

By Jerry Sullivan, Century 21 Blue Marlin Real Estate

At Century 21 Blue Marlin, we've learned countless valuable lessons since opening our doors. We've been in almost every situation imaginable on behalf of our clients, both buyers and sellers.

We know the process of buying real estate along Florida's Emerald Coast can be daunting, and that's why we've compiled our top five tips to help with this process in the Destin and 30A areas specifically.

1. Know What You Are Working With. To buy a home, you need credit. Unless you're Daddy Warbucks and plan on paying for your beautiful beachside bungalow in cash, you are going to need assistance from the bank. Simply put, a credit score is a three-digit number that uses information from your credit report to assess your creditworthiness.

Mainly, it's an indication of how likely you are to repay debts in a timely manner. Your credit score will be an important factor when your mortgage lender is deciding if you are a viable candidate for them to lend money to.

2. Know Who You Are Working With. Let's face it, our area is inundated with realtors. Every Jack and Jill is ready to sell you the American Dream, but it's important to be wary of those who are only looking to turn a profit.

At Century 21 Blue Marlin, we take the time to connect with our clients on a more personal level. We know that as your agent we are going to be your personal shopper. Not every buyer has the time to take out of their workday to make sure boxes are checked on the must-haves home list. That's where we come in.

3. Know Your Needs. Knowing what you want can quickly weed out the lemons. Let your agent know your non-negotiables and go from there. This will cut down on your time spent shopping instantly.

4. Know Your Neighbors. One of the great things about our area is our housing market's diversity. While the distance from county line to county line may seem unnerving, especially in high season, the truth is Destin and 30A aren't all that far apart. We encourage buyers to take a look at all of their options and the amenities associated with each.

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Building Its Own Heritage – Timber Creek Distillery

By Bruce Collier

September is National Bourbon Heritage Month in the U.S., and in the pioneering spirit of that pioneering spirit, *Beachcomber* paid a visit to **Timber Creek Distillery**, located in the woodsy country north of Crestview. I started things off right by getting lost (incorrect internet directions) but a call to co-owner and president Camden Ford put me on the right track.

Timber Creek Distillery sits at the end of a dirt road, on 1,400 acres near a stream called Juniper Creek. There's a grand timber house (Timber Creek Lodge) with a beautifully carved front door, but the distillery action is in another building. I was greeted on the road by co-owner and master distiller **Aaron Barnes**. Barnes led me into a high-ceilinged, metal and wood structure, un-air conditioned, through which a chicken wandered until shooed off. It is in this building that Timber Creek distills, ages and blends its growing line of spirits—vodka, rum, coffee and apple pie spirits, and a distinguished line of whiskeys.

Barnes makes all the liquor, using (all Florida) Yellow #2 Dent Corn, Red Soft Winter Wheat, and Florida 401 Black Rye (specially developed for growing in this state), with cane molasses from Louisiana for the rum. The barley is sourced from out of state.

The grains are cracked with a roller mill (not ground, as is done in many other distilleries), and cooked separately in a mash cooker, as opposed to being first blended in a pre-determined mashbill. Florida limestone water is used. Each grain has its own optimum cooking temperature. The process of lautering is next—separating the grains from the

mash (rather than a slurry of grains). A standard practice in brewing beer, it is done here to avoid “overexposure” of the grain to the mash, which can result in off flavors. Fermentation follows, also temperature controlled, in a 7,600-gallon fermenter.

Scottish whiskey making practices inspired the custom design of the pot still, which incorporates a traditional copper worm condenser. Distillation is also done by individual grain, resulting in pure corn, wheat, rye and barley spirits. The spirits are barreled for aging (by individual grains) in new white oak barrels, custom ordered from McGinnis Wood Products in Cuba, Missouri. The interior of the barrels gets a No. 3 char (Kentucky distillers favor No. 4). The rum is stored in steel tanks. “Seventy-five percent of the flavor comes from the barrels,” says Barnes.

The barrels are stacked on the far side of the still area, in neat rows. Ford noted that natural Florida temperature conditions are a big part of the character of the aged spirits. Aging is a process of patience and monitoring. The vodka (made from 100 percent northwest Florida red wheat) is filtered before bottling. The whiskeys are unfiltered. Filtering is common, because unfiltered spirits can become slightly cloudy when ice or water is added. For many, unfiltered whiskey has an added flavor quality that outweighs its appearance.

The last step before bottling is blending. Starting with the pure-grain building blocks in the barrels, a variety of tastes and characters can be constructed.

On a table near the barrel racks sit a line of bottles—vodka, rum, coffee and apple pie spirits, bourbon, reserve



bourbon, black rye and single malt whiskeys. The distillery is phasing in a new bottle style—tall and cylindrical, with the word “Florida” emphasized. “We want it to stand out on the shelf,” said Barnes. There are tasting cups, water and ice.

Unlike many vodkas I've tried, Timber Creek's has a definite grain flavor, slightly sweet, and a substantial body. The coffee spirit is not syrupy sweet, rather dry but rich, like strong espresso. The standard bourbon is corn, wheat and barley, with a gentle, fruity, slightly sweet quality. The reserve bourbon adds rye, which gives it a spicy bite. I'd already sampled the black rye. It's 100 percent rye, and showcases that grain unapologetically—spicy, crisp and gripping.

Also on the table was the single malt, which Barnes said the distillery hopes to release soon. Scotch-lovers should

welcome it. Another spirit in the works is gin, flavored with juniper (near Juniper Creek) and other botanical essences being prepared.

Timber Creek got a boost of prestige this past July, when the Florida Reserve Bourbon and Black Rye each earned silver medals at the North American Whiskey Competition in New Orleans. Future plans include getting the product placed in more bars, restaurants and liquor stores, working with area chefs, and spreading the gospel of transparency in distilling.

Timber Creek's products, including their custom Bourbon Blending Kit, can be purchased at area liquor stores, and enjoyed at bars and restaurants. The distillery is located at 6358 Lake Ella Road, Crestview, FL. Tours can be arranged by contacting the distillery in advance. Discover more at timbercreekdistillery.com.



Oktoberfest on the Destin Harbor

By Joni Williams

Nothing says September like Oktoberfest, which kicks off in Germany on the 16th. But if you can't make it to Munich for the festivities, no worries. For the first time ever, Destin's HarborWalk Village will host their own Oktoberfest that very same day along with some preliminary events on **Aug. 14 and 15** that you won't want to miss. And they all involve food, fun and beer.

On Thursday, enjoy a "Grande" pairing dinner from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Harborview Room. The menu, put together by Emerald Grande chef Jimmy McManus, looks so tempting...just reading it made us swoon. Hello, brioche bread, charcutrie and pumpkin mousse! Expect several courses with fresh seafood and greens, an array of rib-sticking proteins and even a dessert. Each is paired with fall appropriate shandies and other brews that, of course, include at least one Oktoberfest. The cost is \$65, and reservations can be had by calling 424-0622.

The weekend kicks off Friday at 6 p.m. with a pub crawl that begins at FishHeads and winds down at Coyote Ugly, with stops in between at the harbor's finest drinking establishments. Expect to find beers priced at \$2.50 and \$3, along with bargain-priced well drinks and Jell-O shots. Jackacuda's will even offer crawlers an all-you-can-drink option for 20 bucks. And you'll be doing all this imbibing for a worthy cause, as the \$10 pub crawl admission fee benefits the EOD Warrior Foundation. Advance passes are available at **EventBrite.com**.

Be sure to save some room in your beer belly for HarborWalk Village's first ever Oktoberfest that



Photos courtesy of HarborWalk Village.

gets going at noon Saturday. In addition to fun activities like a German-inspired stein hosting event, games and live music, there will be all kinds of brewers offering all kinds of brews. We've seen the list, and, trust us, you're going to want to

drink up. Some of the best names in the biz will be representing, including Sierra Nevada, Abita, Sam Adams, New Belgium, Shiner Bock and local crafters Idyll Hounds.

We're equally excited about some of the less familiar brands and pretty giddy to see some hardcore German offerings. Take Warsteiner, for example. The German brewer will be there with their Oktoberfest, the same one we told you about in last issue's Brew Review. To rewind, this is the brewer that still manufactures beer in accordance with Germany's Purity Law. And it makes for one near-perfect brew with full, well-developed flavor as well as a pleasant feel.

We can also recommend Sierra Nevada's Oktoberfest. If this year's is anywhere near as good as last year's, you won't want to miss it. There are also some unfamiliar-to-us brewers like Red Hare out of Atlanta that have piqued our interest. It's great we now know where to find them locally. Likewise, Germany's Paulaner or Bavarian brewer Ayinger will be rolling out their seasonal Oktoberfests at the festival. As a gentle reminder, these are seasonal beers so get 'em before they go away.

As if all these brews aren't exciting enough, there will also be plenty of German eats including schnitzel, bratwurst and pretzels. Local craftsmen will offer their wares for sale in true festival style, and all the HarborWalk retailers will be keeping their regular hours.

And it all takes place along one of the most picturesque locations to be found anywhere.



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If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at chris@beachcomberdestin.com!

AMERICAN

CALLAHAN'S A long-time favorite of Destin locals, Callahan's Restaurant & Deli lives up to its name, offering one of the town's most varied selections of deli sandwiches, salads, and full-on meals, with everything from quiche to barbecue. Steaks and chops are a perennial favorite, along with comforting meals of pot roast, prime rib, seafood platters, and some fancier regular and special items. Lunch and dinner; beer, wine and mixed drinks, \$3-20. 791 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-6328/837-7171. www.callahansdestin.com. www.facebook.com/callahansdestin.

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 p.m. Open at 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. www.CharliesBurgerBar.com.

HOOTERS Wings, shrimp, burgers and more. Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thu., 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Fri. and Sat. Happy hour Mon.-Fri., 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 15015 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, 850-654-1007. hootersonline.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crispies. Delicious delights—brownies, regulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar, chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French cream puffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3, Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

BARBEQUE

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No

inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

BREAKFAST & MORE

ANOTHER BROKEN EGG CAFÉ is the Emerald Coast's premier breakfast, brunch and lunch destination. Sip on one of our award-winning, house infused Bloody Marys while you dine on breakfast classics, memorable brunch dishes or lunchtime favorites. Grand Boulevard – 755 Grand Boulevard, Suite B-107, Miramar Beach, 850-424-3416. Sandestin – 9100 Baytowne Wharf Boulevard, Suite A-4, 850-622-2050. www.anotherbrokenegg.com.

ASIAGO'S SKILLET There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. New location in Destin! 300 Harbor Blvd., 850-424-4160. www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet.

BLUE COLLAR CAFE Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

THE DONUT HOLE Breakfast, donuts, sandwiches, salads, burgers and more. 635 U.S. 98 E, Destin, 850-837-8824.

THE DONUT HOLE 6745 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3239.

THE DONUT HOLE 12983 U.S. 98 E, Inlet Beach, 850-213-3127.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

TOMMY MATTONIE'S Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedicts and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked

BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. www.tommymattonies.com.

BURGERS

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

CASUAL DINING

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL - DESTIN Find out why Fudpucker's is #1 for Food and Fun. Fud's has offered great food, live alligators and world famous t-shirts in a fun filled family atmosphere since 1982. Family entertainment is offered nightly with **The Fudnominals** interactive dance team, and Teen Night is held every Thursday and Friday. Download the Fud app for daily deals on food, drinks and merchandise. 20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, across from Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-654-4200 or visit us at www.fudpucker.com.

HOG'S BREATH CAFE A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family.

Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" www.hogsbreath.com/destin.

CATERING

BIG RED TRUCK Specializing in private events and full service catering. 850-737-1185. www.destinfoodtrucks.com.

COFFEE SHOPS

MAAS COFFEE ROASTERS Fresh roasted beans of origin, roasted in different profiles. Specialty coffee roasters for 10 years. "Once you go Maas, you'll never go 'Bucks!" Fresh made pastries and bagels, FREE WiFi. Open Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 150 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, across from the Indian Temple Mound Museum. 850-585-0496.

CONTEMPORARY

BUD & ALLEY'S This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, \$4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in

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Meet Ciao Italia Bistro's Chef Alessandro

Alessandro Corradetti came to America in March 2017.

"I went to Italy, and I heard about him. I went to eat in his restaurant, and when I saw the food and how good it was, I approached him to come to this country and work for my company," says **Guglielmo Ianni**, owner of the recently-opened Ciao Italia Bistro in Destin and other local Italian restaurants.

Corradetti started cooking 13 years ago at the age of 20. He attended ALMA La Scuola Internazionale di Cucina Italiana, the world's leading international training center for Italian Cuisine. "It's the best school in the world," says Corradetti. After school, he went on to work for various Michelin star award-winning restaurants and chefs.

"I was inside the Michelin with three forks, and every week I was in the newspaper in Italy for my cooking. For four years," Corradetti says when asked about his greatest accomplishment.

Every great chef has a great idol, and Corradetti has two. The first is Gualtiero Marchesi, a three-star Michelin chef who taught at ALMA. "He is like the father of the Italian kitchen," says Corradetti. His second idol is Niko Romito, another three-star Michelin chef. He learned new ways to cook from Romito after leaving school.



"In school, there was a traditional kitchen. You have to start to learn in a traditional kitchen, and then after you can go out."

When asked about signature dishes, Corradetti says he specializes in meat, seafood, and homemade pasta. "The important thing is, the food has to be fresh," he says. His personal favorite meal is linguine and clams.

Corradetti likes to fish, too. "I go fishing, and then I cook the fish I catch," he says.

- Caroline Haney

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fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup

and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. www.theredbar.com.

VIN'TIJ Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and a.m.sphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tasters of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. \$5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

FOOD TRUCKS

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FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, georgesatalsbeach.net.

IRISH

JOHNNY MCTIGHE'S Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe's opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between, the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There's even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, \$4 - 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com.

ITALIAN

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy—beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos,

and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. www.CrabIslandCantina.com.

LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy \$7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, lacocina30a.net.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, Full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. www.lapazdestin.com.

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. www.mypepitos.com.

PIZZA & PASTA

CRUST PIZZERIA We strive to make the very best pizza. We make our own dough and sauce and grate the finest whole milk mozzarella. We make our own meatballs, slice the Italian sweet sausages, chop the fresh vegetables, then assemble your pizza just for you and bake it to perfection in a brick oven. Eat-in, takeout and delivery. Wine and craft beers. Open Mon.-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 4-10 p.m. 104 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-2990. destincrustpizzeria.com.

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Ruth's Chris Hosts Fundraiser for Beverage Manager Harville

Ruth's Chris Steak House at Silver Shells Resort in Destin invites the community, loyal patrons and guests to a fundraiser for beverage manager Skot Harville. Following an outpouring of requests from guests after hearing the news of Harville's recent hardships, the restaurant will host an event Tuesday, **Sept. 12**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at their Courtyard Bar.

Having been a part of the Ruth's Chris family since they opened their doors, Harville has recently been overwhelmed with illness, both personally and within his immediate family. Harville, who has an ongoing heart condition, unexpectedly lost his mother soon after discovering his wife had been diagnosed with lung cancer.


The money donated will be used to pay for medical expenses and to assist the family of three, including son Argus, with daily living expenses.

"Everyone who comes through our doors knows Skot and loves him," says Ruth's Chris General Manager **Mike Sable**. "Not only is Skot our beverage manager, but his tenure with our company is far reaching."

The Harville family fundraiser is free to attend and open to the public. Guests are invited to stop by and meet Skot and his family, enjoy complimentary *hors d'oeuvres*, live auction by Luxury Estates Auction Company, silent auction and live music by Michael J Thomas.

Donations will be accepted throughout the night. For those who cannot attend, a GoFundMe account has been created and donations can be made at gofundme.com/hope-fight-believe. Donations may also be dropped off at Ruth's Chris, located at 15000 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin.

- Chelsea Blach






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You're invited to join us for a Fundraising Event for our dear friends Skot Harville and his beloved wife Brenda who is battling Lung Cancer.

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beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 433 Page Bacon Rd., Mary Esther, 850-737-2121.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 1826 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, 850-737-2299.

LANDSHARK'S PIZZA Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. www.LandsharksPizza.com.

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

REDBRICK PIZZA Fresh fire-roasted pizzas, fhazani sandwiches and gourmet Italian gelato Ice cream. We use only Qualita superior Italian cheeses and premium ingredients. Savor the passion of a century-old Italian tradition. Locations are Destin Commons next to Rave Motion Pictures, 850-424-5990; and Pier Park, Panama City Beach, 850-236-1413. Hours are Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

SEAFOOD

THE BACK PORCH Experience open air dining with the best view of the Gulf of Mexico. Serving grouper, oysters, fried crab claws and our famous char-grilled amberjack. Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 1740 Old Highway 98 East,

Destin. On U.S. 98 across from the Track, turn at the Hampton Inn, drive about 1/4 mile, and you'll find us on the right side. www.theback-porch.com. 850-837-2022.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. info@emeraldgrande.com.

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. harbordocks.com.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful

Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.co.

LOCAL CATCH has established itself as a Hot Spot for fresh coastal cuisine with superior customer service. Dine in daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and enjoy Happy Hour Mon.-Fri., 3-5 p.m. Join us every Sunday for live music from 3 to 7 p.m. 3711 West Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-2022. www.localcatch30a.com.

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ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

POMPANO JOE'S Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two blocks, and you'll find us on the left side. www.pompano-joes.com. 850-837-2224.

SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers' dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with exotic fish. Become mesmerized by the soothing sounds of **Michael Rorah**, our singing pianist, who plays Tuesday through Saturday evenings. Lobsters available for viewing and choosing at the front of the restaurant. Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, saltwatergrillpcb.com.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters "all ways," crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beer,

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SUSHI

JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30°04.250N and 87°02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. www.jackacudas.com.

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TAPAS AND WINE

LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we encourage guests to share dishes, converse and enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282, lacrematapas.com.

WATERFRONT DINING

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JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it's a state of mind. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Five O'Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu., 4-7 p.m. 76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. www.margaritavilledestin.com.

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THE BEACH HOUSE
4009 S. Sandestin Blvd., Miramar Beach
850-608-6300
RelaxDrinkEat.com
When: 4-7 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: \$4 house wine, \$3 well drinks, \$2 off select apps, and \$1 off all draft beers.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-424-7417
When: Everyday from 3 to 6 p.m.
Drink Specials: \$4 house margaritas, \$3 well drinks and house wine, \$3 Corona, Corona Light, Bud Light and Miller Lite.

CAMILLE'S CAFE
2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin
850-337-8860
When: 3-5 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille's Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

FISHHEADS
HarborWalk Village, Destin
When: 6-8 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

FOKKER'S PUB
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1, Fort Walton Beach
850-244-6666
When: 3-7 p.m. daily; 3 p.m.-close Tuesdays.
Drink Specials: Everything half price except Bushwhackers and high end bourbons.

45 CENTRAL WINE BAR
45 Central Square, Seaside
850-231-4545
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When: 4-6 p.m. daily. Paella nights Wednesdays and Fridays.
Drink Specials: Half off wine by the glass, \$1 off beer.

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL
20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin
850-654-4200
When: All day long.
Drink Specials: Smirnoff martinis \$4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch \$5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL
1318 Miracle Strip Parkway, Okaloosa Island
When: All day long.
Drink Specials: Smirnoff martinis \$4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch \$5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

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GRANDE VISTA
Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-337-8100, ext. 1550
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Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T'S
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-654-4800
When: Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-7 p.m.—downstairs bar only.
Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

HOG'S BREATH SALOON
541 Harbor Blvd., Destin
850-837-5991
When: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and 10 p.m. to close, Mon.-Fri.
Drink Specials: Half off wells and calls, \$1 Bud Light draft, \$1 off domestic beer and wines.

JACKACUDAS
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-424-3507
When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 p.m.-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.
Drink Specials: Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus \$5 California rolls, spicy krab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-460-7700
When: Monday-Friday, 10 p.m.-close.
Drink Specials: \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, \$5 "Who's to Blame" margaritas and "5 O'Clock Somewhere" cocktails.

LANDSHARK'S PIZZA
300 Harbor Blvd., Destin
850-424-6743

When: 3-6 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: \$1 off well drinks, \$2.25 domestic drafts and bottles, \$4 wine.

LA PAZ
950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin
850-837-2247
When: 4-6 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S
4607 Legendary Marina Drive, Destin
850-710-LULU (5858)
When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.
Drink Specials: \$2 select drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3 glass house wines, \$4 rocks house Margaritas, \$6 frozen house Margaritas and Daiquiris.

RED DOOR SALOON
240 Harbor Blvd., Destin
When: Mon.-Fri., 3-7 p.m., \$1 off beer, wine and wells. Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., two-for-one wells and beer.

SAMMY'S
1224 Santa Rosa Blvd., Fort Walton Beach
When: Early happy hour, 1-6 p.m. Late night happy hour, 2-4 a.m. Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.
Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 a.m.

VUE ON 30A
4801 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
850-267-2305
When: Seven days a week, 3-6 p.m.
Drink Specials: \$5 house wine and discounts on well and call liquor and beer, plus up to 20 percent off select bar menu pricing.

The Beachcomber Family's Summer Vacation Photos



LEFT: Zandra Wolfram started and ended her trip to New York City atop the Marriott Marquis which “affords a great view of the city from its revolving bar, aptly named the View—all for the price of a cocktail. Cheers to that!”



ABOVE: Nikki Hedrick celebrates her birthday by holding a kangaroo at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo in Gulf Shores. “Once in a lifetime animal encounters,” our fearless music correspondent reports.



BELOW: Bruce Collier and family take the stage at Nashville's historic Ryman Auditorium.



ABOVE: Chris Leavenworth visits D.C. to observe the vestiges of a country he remembers fondly.



LEFT: Beachcomber Publisher (among other things) Charles Morgan III and daughter Jane snorkeling off the coast of Guana Cay.

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Celebrate this 39th annual tradition! The Destin Harbor Boardwalk will be filled with live music, arts & crafts and seafood. FIREWORKS Sat at 9pm!

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Watch the Destin Fishing Rodeo catches hit the docks with daily weigh-ins from 10am-7pm. Then rock out to a free concert at 7pm and FIREWORKS at 9pm!

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SATURDAY 6pm: Monster Mash Pub Crawl - \$10 entry
7pm: Live Concert
9pm: Adult Costume Contest & FIREWORKS
SUNDAY 2pm: Kids Costume Contest & Trick-or-Treat
4pm: Pets Costume Contest

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Presented by Northwest Florida Chapter of FRLA. Starting at 11am, chefs from all across the region will cook-up fresh, delicious seafood! \$25 per person.

**NOV
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Santa makes his grand entrance at 12pm. Kick-off the holiday season with free activities and visit with Santa!

